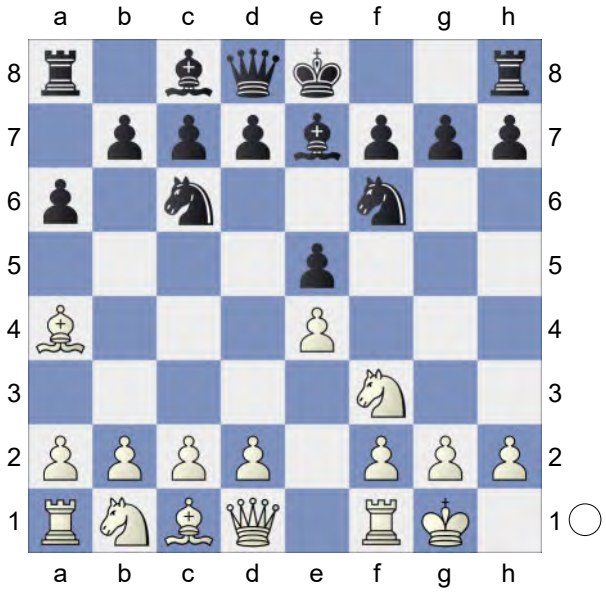
The Marshall Attack Theory & Games (C89)

Chess Notes 2025

1 **C89**
□ **AAS-2024** **2552**
■ **kahvitauko** **2456**
Blitz 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 91/310'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 exd4

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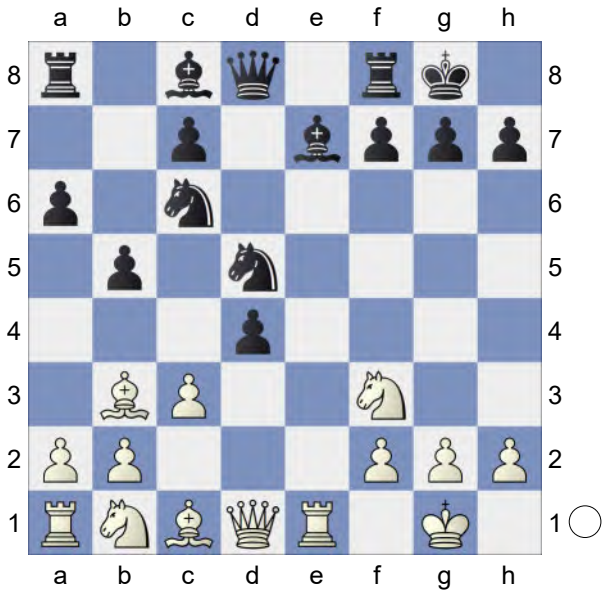


11.cxd4 Bf6N
[11...Bb4 12.Bd2 Bb7 *(12...Bg4 13.Nc3 Nf6 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.d5 Ne7 17.Bg5 Qh3 18.Bxf6 Bd6 19.f4 Bxf4 20.f3 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Nf5 22.Ne4 gxf6 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Qc3 Rg8 25.Qxf6+ Rg7* 0-1 (25) Sittenfeld,S-Soldatenkov, V Paris 1901 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]*)* 13.Nc3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bc1 Bc8 18.Bg5 Bb7 19.Bd2 Na5 20.Bg5 Nc4 21.Qd3 g6 22.Bh6 Rf7 23.Nh4 Qd7 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Nxg6+ Nisipeanu,L-Beliavsky,A Pune 2004 [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (32) Kh7 27.Bf8 Nde3 28.Qh4+ Kxg6 29.Qh6+ Kf5 30.Qh3+ Kg6 ½-½ (26) Nisipeanu,L (2686)-Beliavsky,A (2679) Pune 2004 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter; Stoica,Valentin]]
[11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 15.g4 Bg6 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Ne5 Kh8 19.f4 f6 20.Nxg6+ Nxg6 21.f5 Qd6 22.Qf3 Nf4 23.Re4 g5 24.fxg6 Nxg6 25.Re6 Qd8 26.Rf1 Helmsen,F

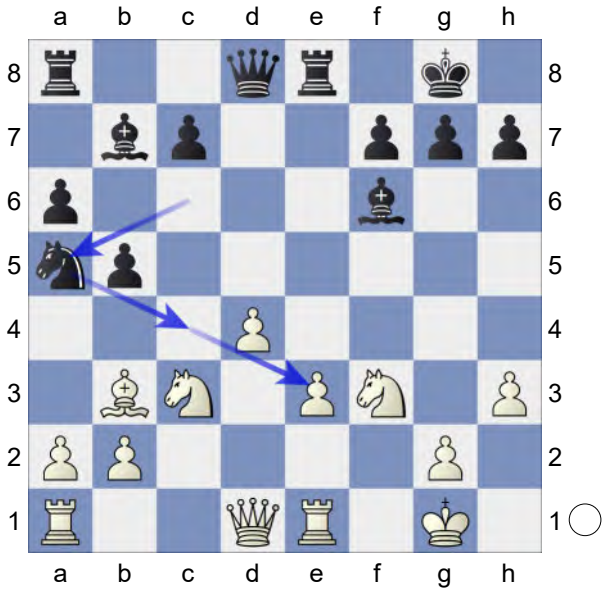
(2631)-Green,V (2477) Montilla 2015 Telechess CBM 89 [Sinka] 1-0 (34)]

[11...Nb6 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.d5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Na5 15.Bc2 b4 16.Qd3 f5 17.Ne2 Bc5 Anti Marshall-Sidelines [Jan Gustafsson]]

12.h3 Bb7 13.Be3 -1.05/20

[13.Nc3= 0.01/19 Nxc3 14.bxc3]

13...Re8 &Nero is more active. **14.Nc3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Na5**



16.Bc2 -1.77/22

[16.Rc1∓ -1.08/19 was worth a try.]

16...c5 -1.33/20

[Black should try 16...Nc4-+ -1.77/22 17.Qd3 g6]

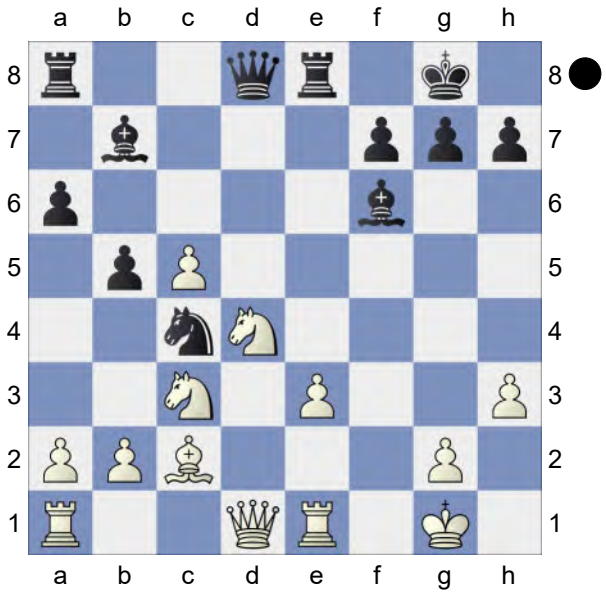
17.dxc5 -1.84/20

[17.Qd3∓ -1.33/20 is a better defense. g6 18.dxc5]

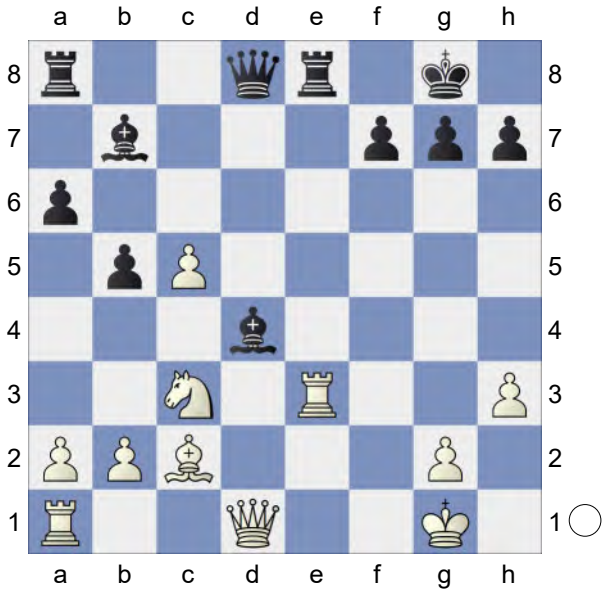
17...Nc4-+ 18.Nd4? -7.42/21

[18.e4 -1.66/20]

(Diagram)



18...Nxe3 19.Rxe3 Bxd4



Pin. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.62/ Black=0.10 (very precise)

0-1

2 **C89**
□ **Abbasi100** **2348**
■ **Kasihwinsaja** **2568**
Rapid 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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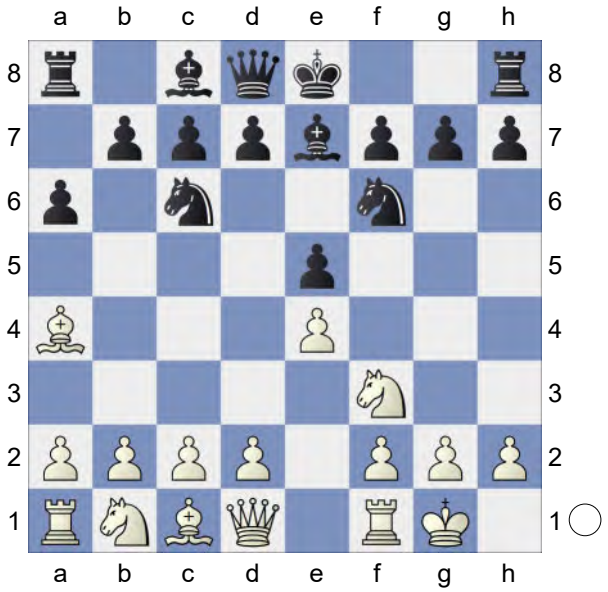

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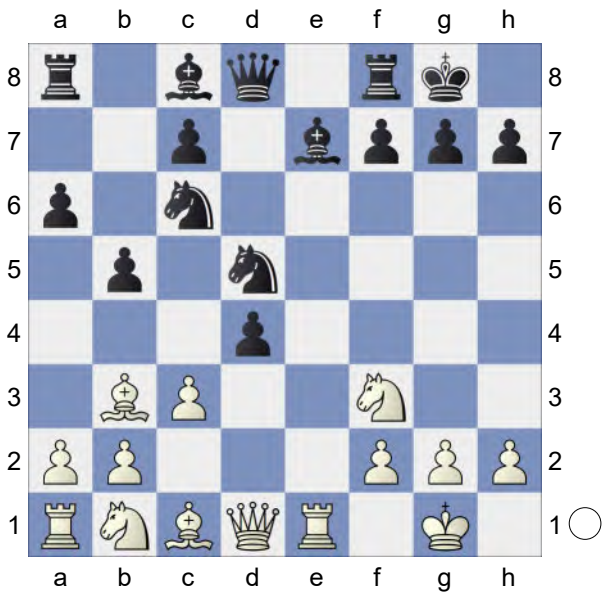
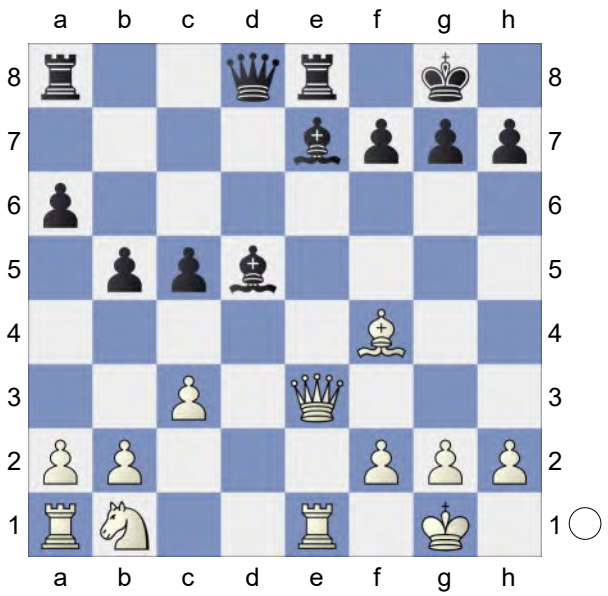


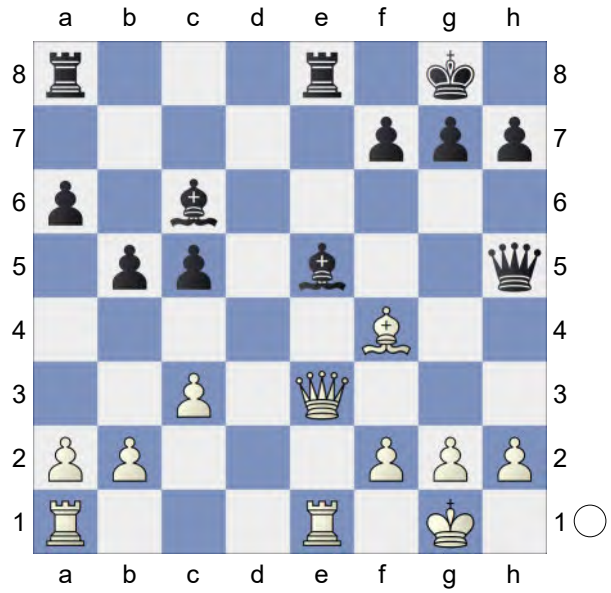
11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bb7

13.Bxd5N
[13.Nd2
A) 13...Re8 14.Nf1 *(14.Nf3 c5 15.Qg4 Nf6 16.Qf5 g6 17.Qg5 c4 18.Bc2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Ne4 20.Qh6 Nxf2 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Bg5 Qxg5+* 0-1 (22) Hess,V (1319)-Moody,D (1332) FICGS 2008*)* 14...Bf6 15.Qd1 Rxe1 16.Qxe1 Qd7 17.f3 Re8 18.Qf2 Be5 19.Bc2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.Qh4 Bh6 22.Rd1 Qe6 23.Rd8 Bc6 24.h3 Be3+ 25.Kh1 g6 26.Bb3 Qe5 27.Nxe3 Qxe3 28.Qf6 Badmatsyrenov,O (2416)-Dubnevych,M (2391) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0;
B) 13...c5 14.Qe4 Bf6 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Qxe8+ Qxe8 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Bd2 c4 19.Bc2 b4 20.Rb1 bxc3 21.bxc3 Bc6 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Kf8 24.Rd1 a5 25.a3 c3 26.Bc1 Bb5 27.Bb3 c2 Sanchez Buitrago,J-Pikes,G IECG 1965 ZUS C73 [John Watson] 0-1 (44)]
13...Bxd5 14.Bf4 c5 15.Qe3 Re8

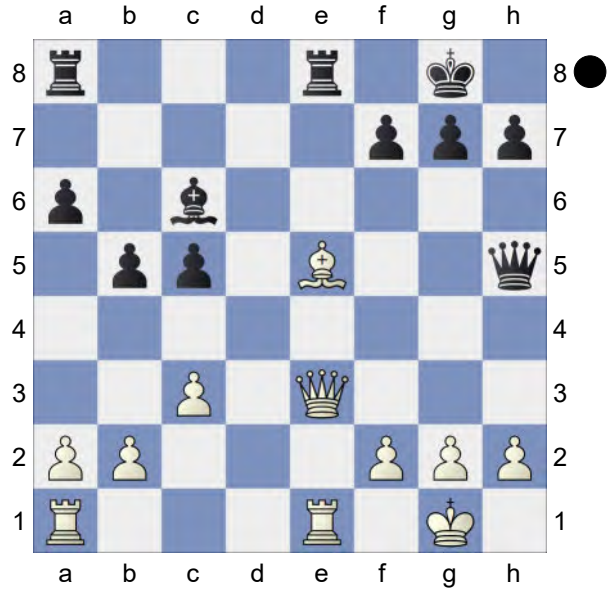


Strongly threatening ...Bd6. **16.Nd2**

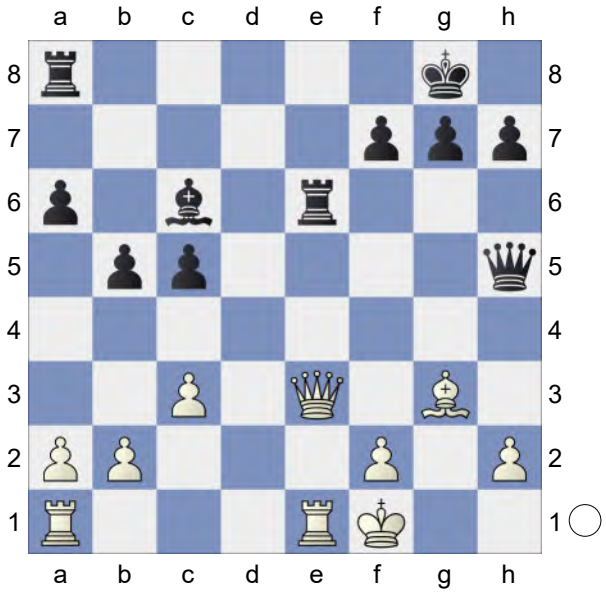
Black is better. **16...Bc6 17.Nf3 Qd5 18.Red1** -1.17/21
[White should try 18.Qe5 -0.71/19]
18...Qh5∓ White must now prevent ... Bf6. **19.Ne5 Bf6** A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Re1?** -3.37/24
[20.g4∓ -1.28/23 was called for. Qh4 21.Re1]
20...Bxe5-+



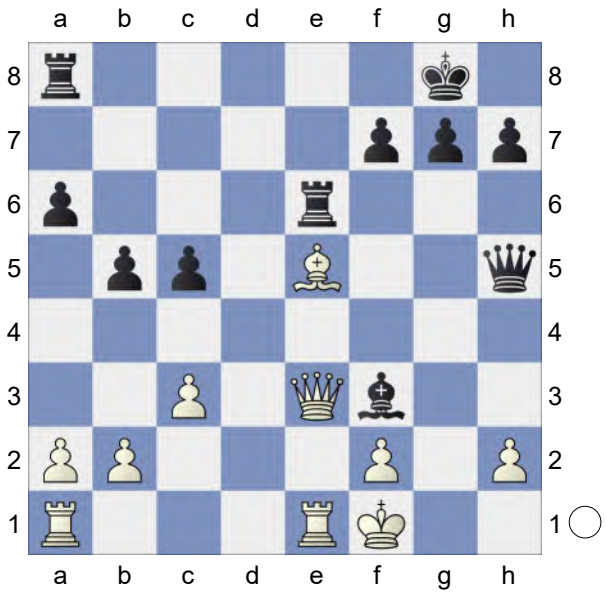
21.Bxe5



Re6!→ Black is out for blood. **22.Qg3?** -6.30/22
[22.g4 -2.58/21 Qg6 23.Qg3]
22...Rg6 Black is clearly winning. **23.Qe3 Rxg2+ 24.Kf1 Rg6 25.Bg3 Re6**



(-> ...Qh3+) **26.Be5 Bf3**



White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/ Black=0.03 (flawless)
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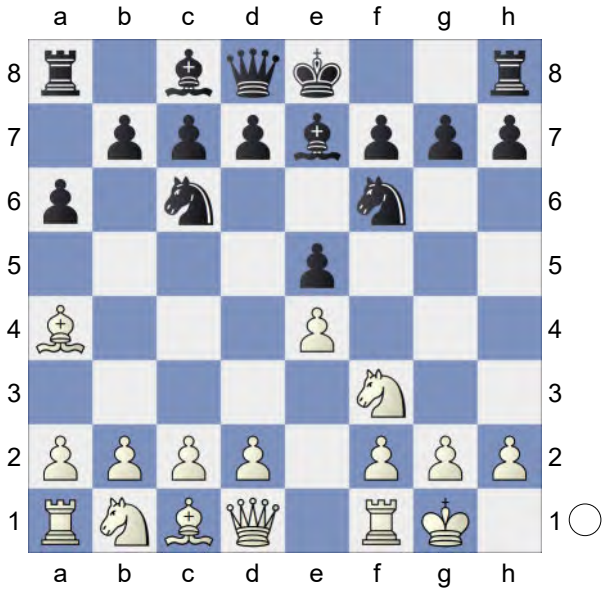
3 **C89**
□ **Agdestein,S** **2564**
■ **Novik,Ma** **2411**
Titled Tue 27. Aug Early (8) 27.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Inf 92/(343) Byrne,R; Mednis,E: 'Inf 36/415' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



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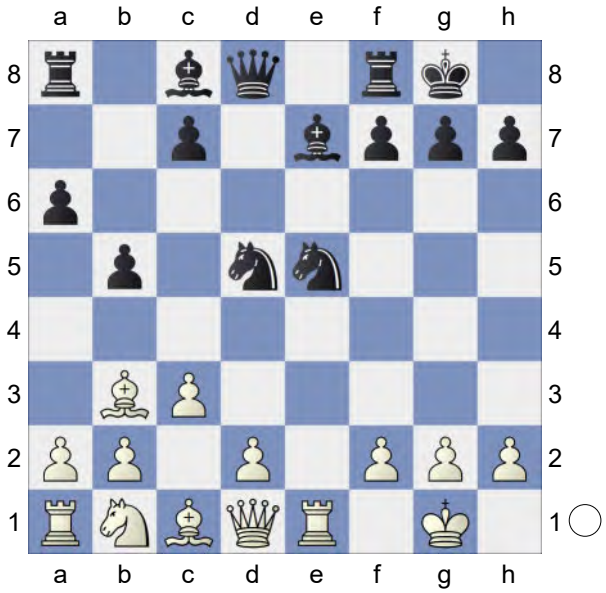
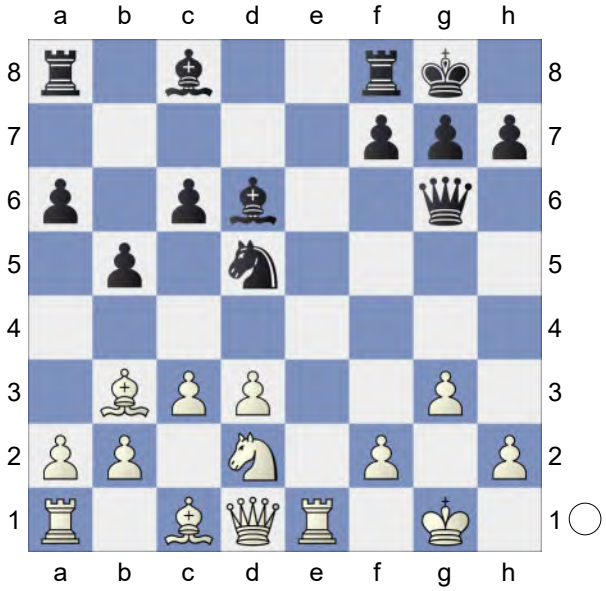


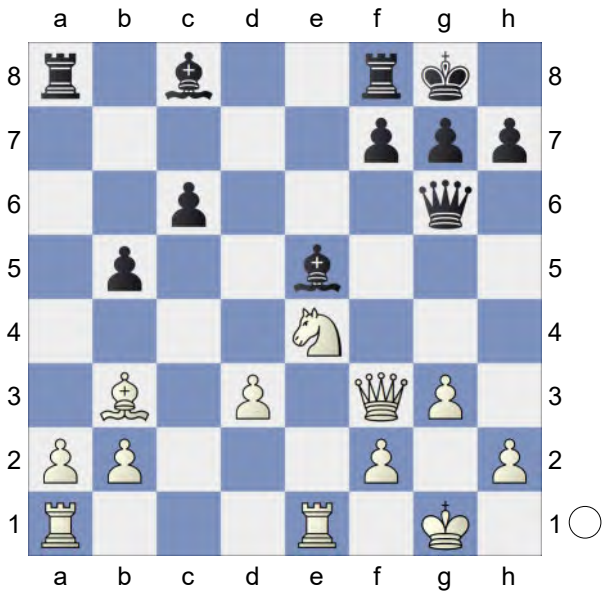
11.Rxe5 c6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Re1! Qd7 14.d3
[14.d4 feels hotter. Qh3 15.Re4 g5 16.Bc2]
14...Qf5
[14...Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 *(15...Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.h3 Bxh3 19.Nh4 Qf6 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qg5 Be6 22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.Re1 Bxb3 24.axb3 a5 25.Nf3 Rfe8 26.Bg5 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Nd7 28.d4* ½-½ (28) Mchedlishvili,M (2561)-Asadli,V (2567) Denizli 2023*)* 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 g5 18.Rh6 Ng4 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Bg4 22.Qd2 Nf5 23.Qxg5 Bf3 24.Qf4 Bxe4 25.dxe4 Ng7 26.Be3 Anand,V (2782)-Shirov,A (2725) Mainz (m/2-rapid) 92/(343) 2004 Cl1-130 [RR]]
15.Nd2 Qg6



White is slightly better. **16.Ne4 Bc7 17.c4N**
[17.Qf3 Bg4 18.Qg2 Rad8 19.Bg5 f6 20.Be3 f5 21.f4 Kh8 22.Nf2 Bh5 23.Bd4 Rfe8 24.Be5 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Qh6 26.d4 Ne3 27.Qh3 c5 28.Nd3 g5 29.Bf7 cxd4 30.Qxh5 Qc6

31.Rxe3 1-0 (31) Cronhelm,E-Holstein, F Calvia 1983 Telechess CBM 89 [Pribyl,Josef]]

17...Nf4 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qf3 Be5 20.cxb5 axb5



21.Nc3! Bd4 22.Qe4 -0.10/21

[22.Qf4± 0.70/18 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.Rac1]

22...Qf6= 23.Re2 b4 24.Nd1 Bf5 -0.21/22

[24...Bh3∓ -0.57/19]

25.Qf4 Rfe8

[25...Bxd3? 26.Rd2+-]

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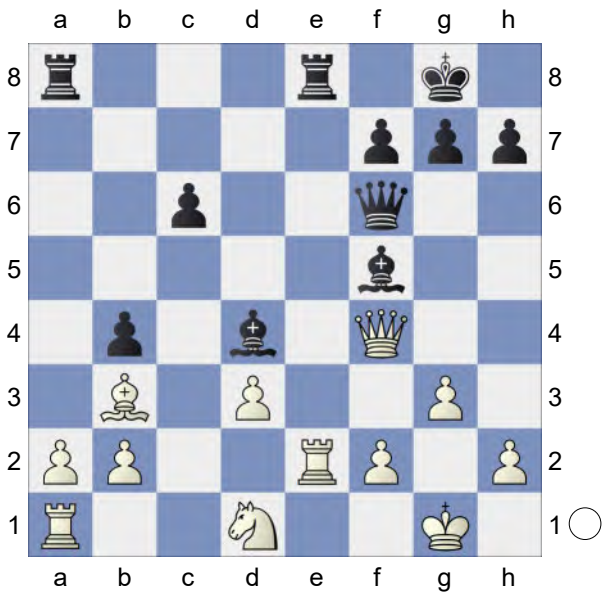
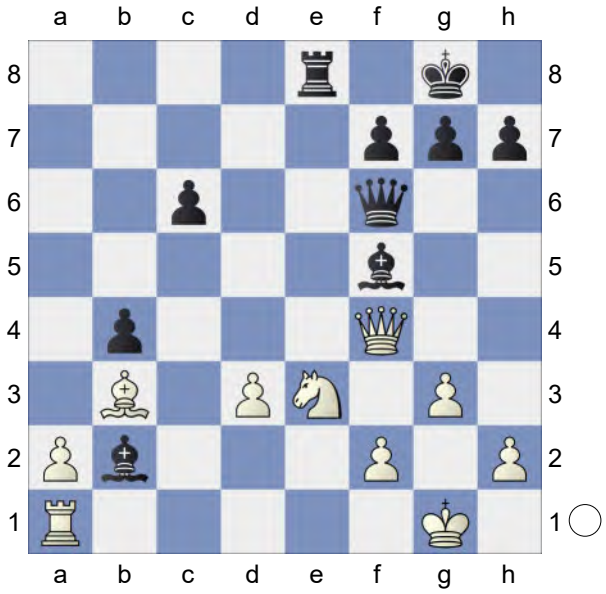


26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Ne3 Bxb2



Strongly threatening ...Be5. This bishop pair is nice. **28.Rd1** -0.34/20

[28.Rb1= 0.24/24 Bg6 29.Qxb4]

28...Bg6 0.19/22

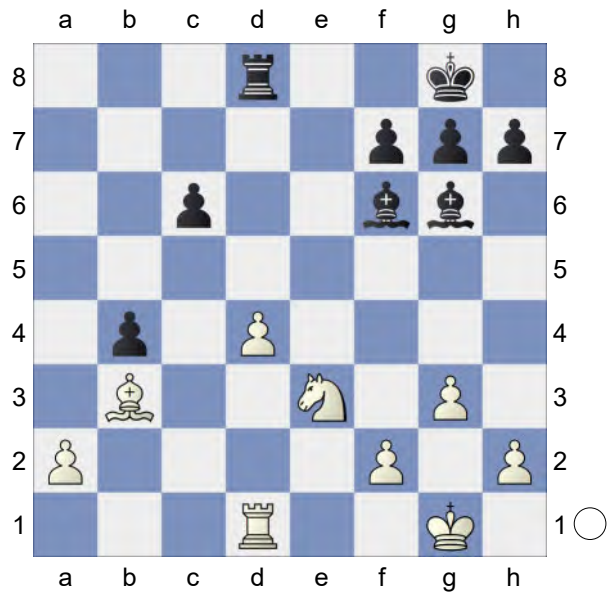
[28...Bd7∓ -0.34/20]

29.Qxf6 -0.51/25

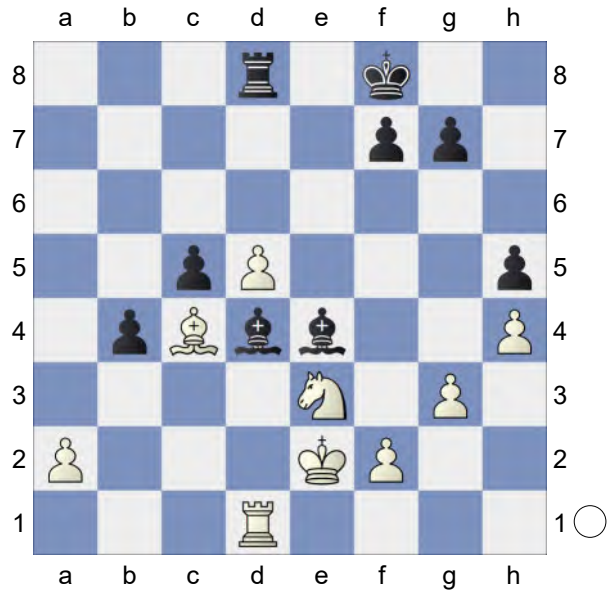
[29.Qxb4= 0.19/22 Bd4 30.Qd2]

29...Bxf6∓ 30.d4 Rd8

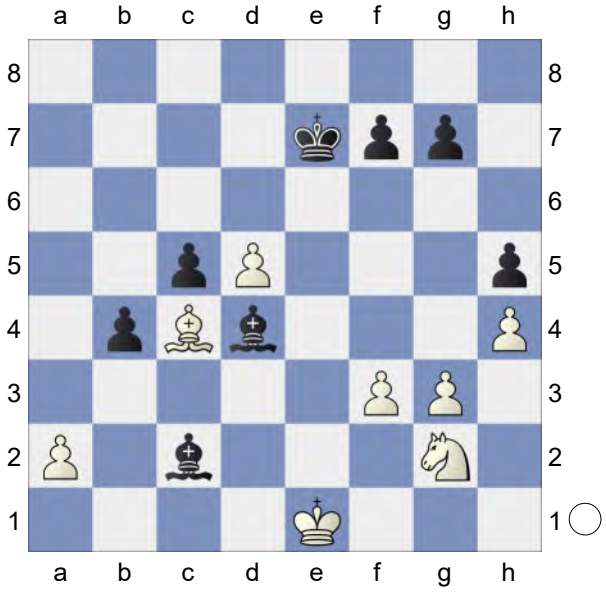
(Diagram)



31.d5 c5 32.Kf1 -0.99/21
[32.Nc4!∓ -0.40/20]
32...h5 -0.53/21
[32...Bd4∓ -0.99/21]
33.Ke2 -0.89/20
[33.Ba4∓ -0.53/21]
33...Bd4 34.Bc4 Kf8 35.h4 -1.54/20
[⌓35.Kf3 -0.92/21]
35...Be4 -0.90/21
[⌓35...Bxe3 -1.54/20 36.Kxe3 Re8+ 37.Kd2 Re4]

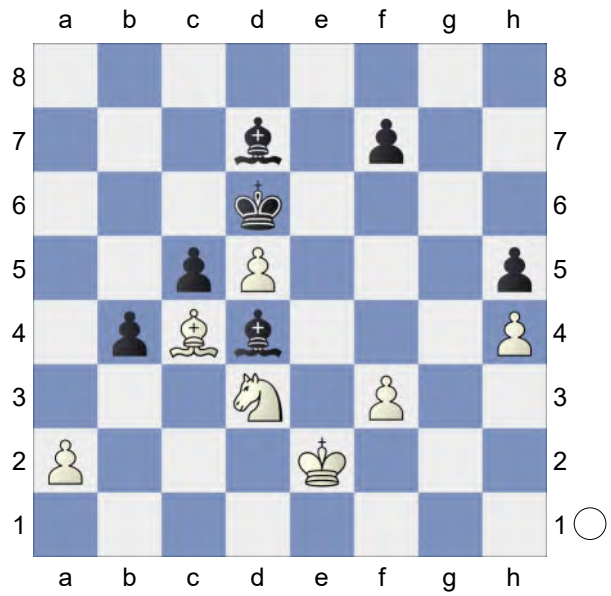


36.f3 -1.54/24
[⌓36.Bb3 -0.90/21]
36...Bg6 37.Ng2 Re8+ 38.Kf1 Bc2 -0.96/25
[Black should try 38...Bf5 -1.28/23 39.Nf4 g6]
39.Re1∓ Rxe1+ 40.Kxe1 Endgame KBB-KBN **40...Ke7**

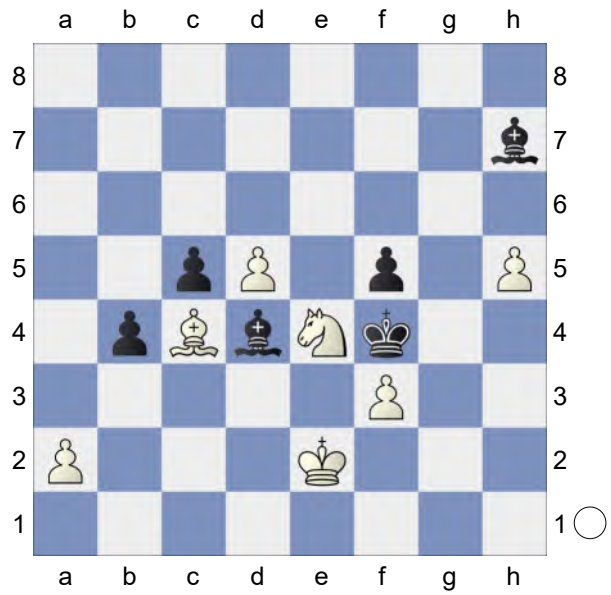


41.Nf4 g6 42.Ke2 -1.57/24
[⌓42.d6+ -0.96/23 Kxd6 43.Bxf7]
42...Kd6 -1.05/24
[⌓42...Be5 -1.57/24 White must now prevent ...Bxf4. 43.d6+ Bxd6 44.Nd5+ Kf8]
43.Nd3 Ba4 -0.82/23
[⌓43...Bc3 -1.30/24 44.Kf2 Bf6]
44.g4 -1.26/22
[Better is 44.Nc1 -0.82/23]
44...Bd7 -0.50/24
[44...Bc2∓ -1.26/22 aiming for ... Bxd3+. 45.gxh5 gxh5]
45.gxh5!∓ gxh5

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Bf5. **46.Nf4 Ke5 47.Nxh5 Bf5** 1.06/24
[47...Bg1∓ -0.31/23 stays ahead.]
48.Ng3± Bh7 1.16/25
[⌓48...Bd7 0.78/22]
49.h5 Kf4 2.15/22 Prevents Ne4.
[49...Bb2± 1.32/22]
50.Ne4!+- f5



51.Nd6 Ke5? 7.32/26
[51...Kg5 2.40/22 52.Nf7+ Kxh5]

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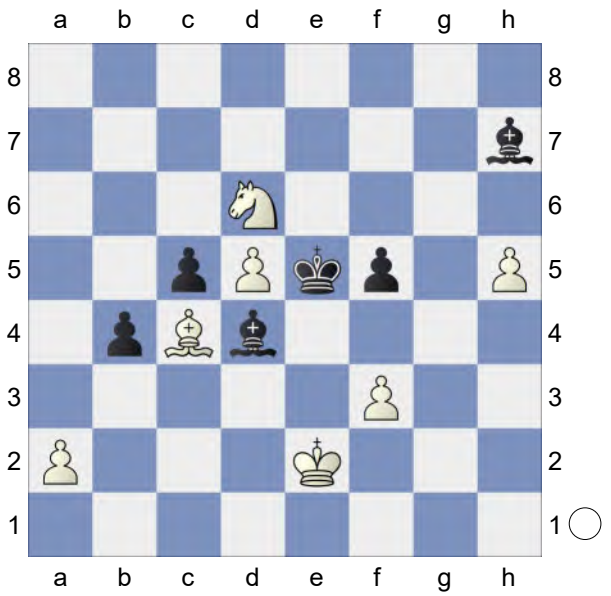
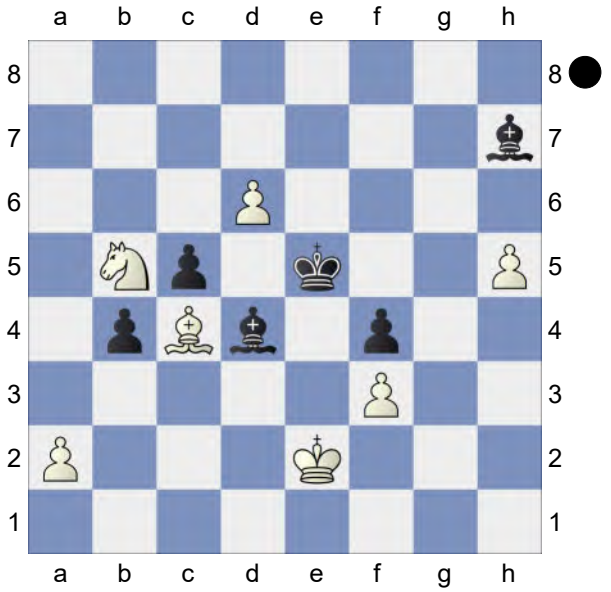


52.Nb5 f4 12.13/24
[⌓52...Bb2 4.69/23 53.d6 Bc1]
53.d6



White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.34
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5 **C89**
□ **Ayush Sharma** **2466**
■ **Moksh Amit Doshi** **2383**
Qatar Masters 2024 | Open A (6) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

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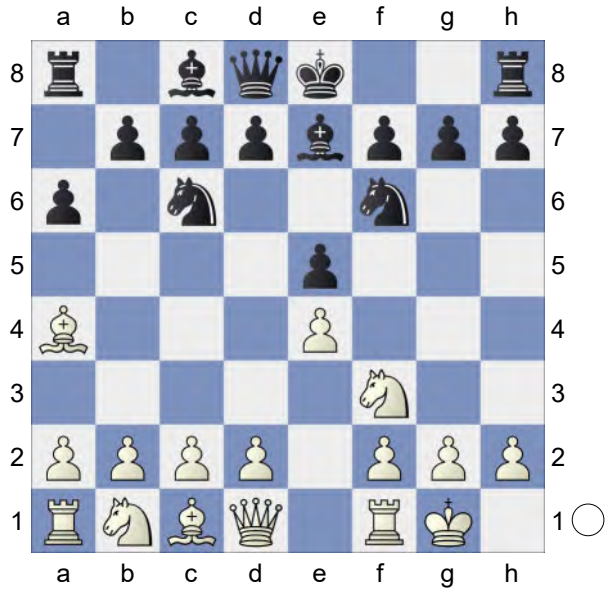

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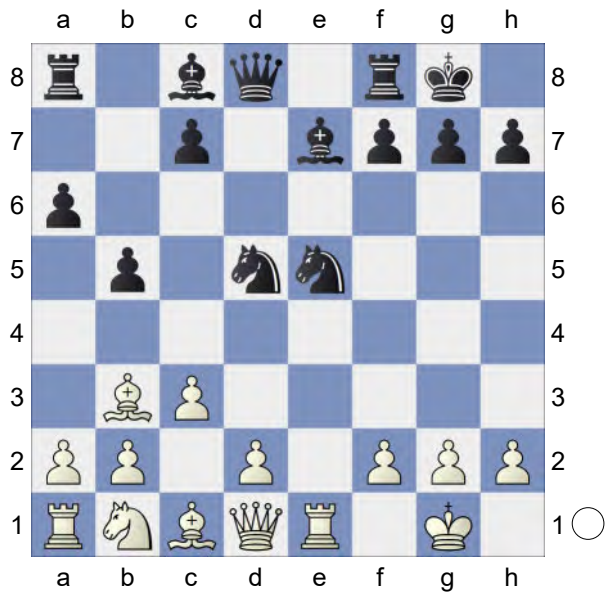

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5

14.g3 -0.07/19 Prevents Qh4.
[14.Nd2± 0.34/19]
[14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Bxd5 *(16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 Re2 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxb2 29.Bxa6 g5 30.a4 Kg7* ½-½ Deac,B (2690)-Sargsyan,S (2637) Bucharest Grand Prix op rapid 2024 (9) *)* 16...cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Bxd3 20.Be3 Be4+ 21.f3 Bc6 22.Nd2 Rfe8 23.Bd4 h5 24.Kf2 f6 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Nf1 Kf7 27.Ne3 Rd8 28.a3 Bc7 Leko,P (2741)-Aronian,L (2763) Yerevan (m/1-rapid) 103/236 2008]
14...Qf6N 0.67/19
[14...Re8!= -0.07/19 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.a4 b4 17.d4 Bh3 18.cxb4 Qe4 19.f3 Qg6 20.Qe2 Bxg3 21.hxg3 Qxg3+ 22.Kh1 Nf6 23.Ra3 Re8 24.Be3 Ng4 25.fxg4 Bxg4 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Bd2 Rxe2 28.Rxg3 Bf5 1 Chapter-Games Chapter - 23 Game -]
[14...Qd7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 f6 22.f3 Kf7 23.Nf1 Re8 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.f4 f5 27.Kf2 g6 28.Nc2 a5 29.Bc5 ½-½ Riechenberg,S (1655)-Seitz,M (1791) GER-ch U25-A Willingen 2023 (6) Rb8 30.Nd4 Bb6 31.Bxb6 Rxb6 32.Re1 Bc8 33.Nf3 ½-½ Jacob,T (1655)-Suljakow (1791) Jugoslavija 63/502 1995 (6)]
15.Nd2!± Qg6

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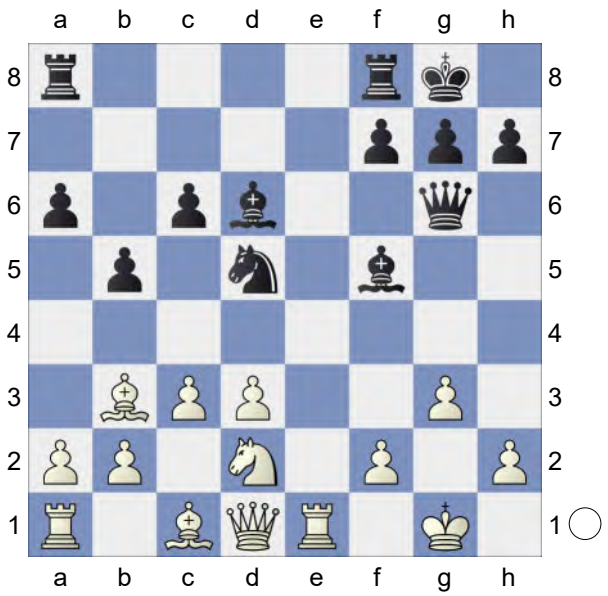
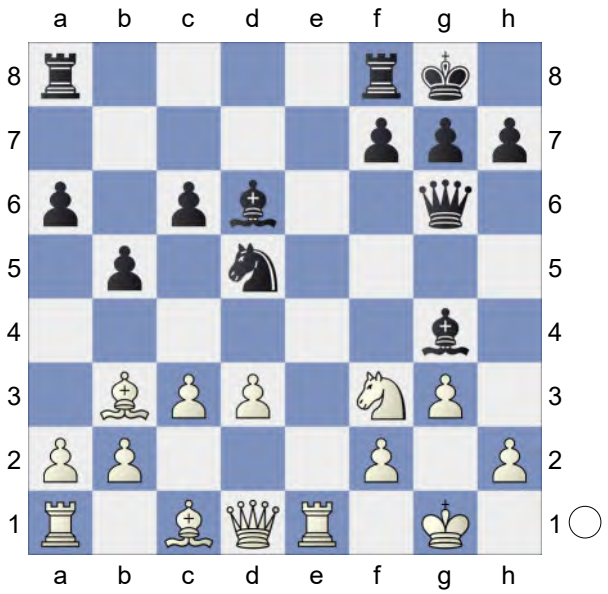
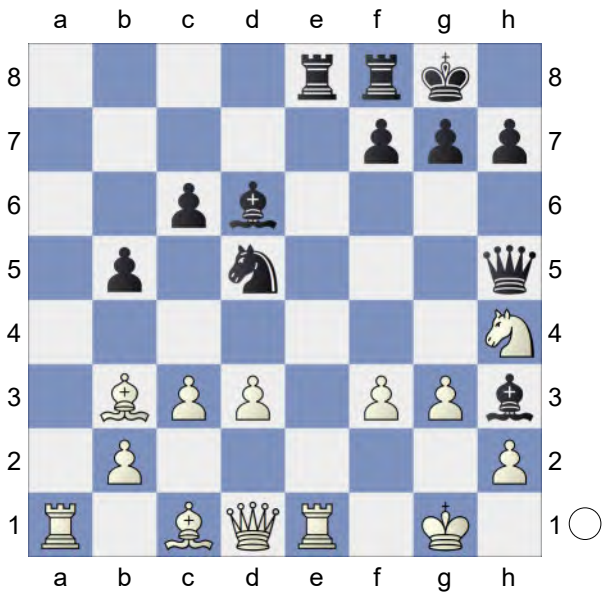


16.Nf3 Strongly threatening Nh4. White is slightly better. **16...Bg4**
[16...Bxd3? 17.Nh4+-]

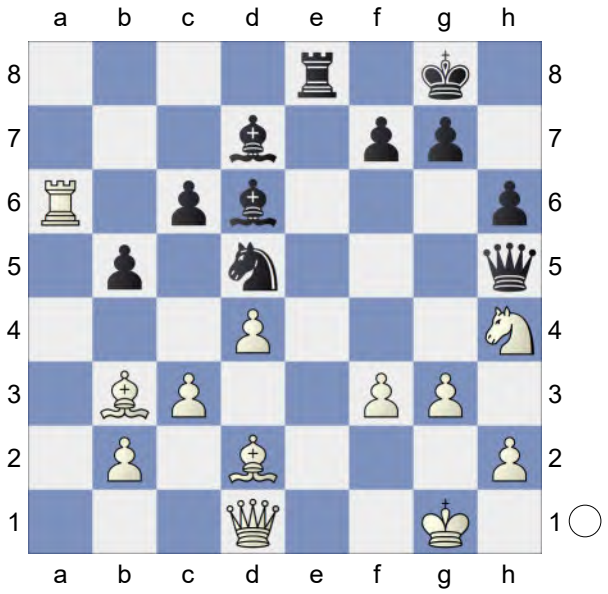


White must now prevent ...Qh5. **17.Nh4!** f3 would now be deadly. **17...Qh5 18.f3 Bh3 19.a4** -0.06/22
[19.Ng2± 0.46/18]
19...Rae8 0.60/20
[19...b4!= -0.06/22]
20.axb5 axb5

(Diagram)



21.Ra6↑ White is pushing. **21...Bd7 22.Re4** 0.27/19
[22.d4± 0.64/20 should be considered.]
22...Nf6 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.d4 Nd5 25.Bd2 h6

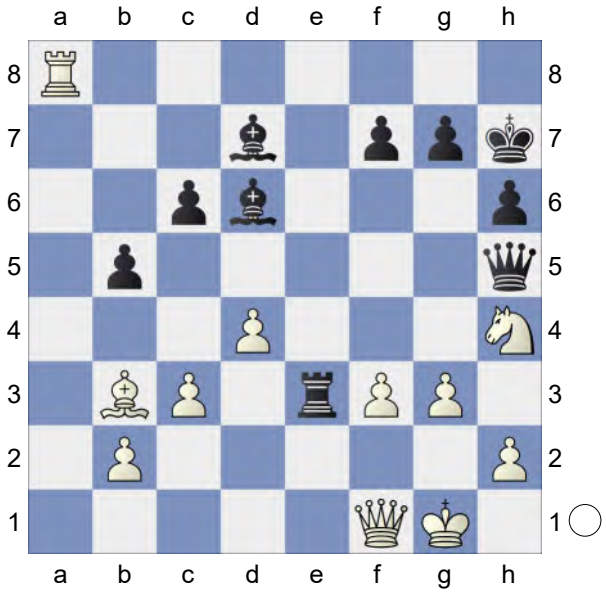


26.Qf1 Ne3 1.09/20
[26...Bf4= 0.15/19 keeps the balance. 27.Bxf4 *(27.Bxd5 Bxd2 28.Be4 f5∓)* 27...Nxf4]
27.Bxe3± Rxe3 28.Ra8+ 0.55/20
[28.Kf2± 1.56/18 Qg5 29.Ra8+ Re8 30.f4 *(30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qe2*

Qd8±)]

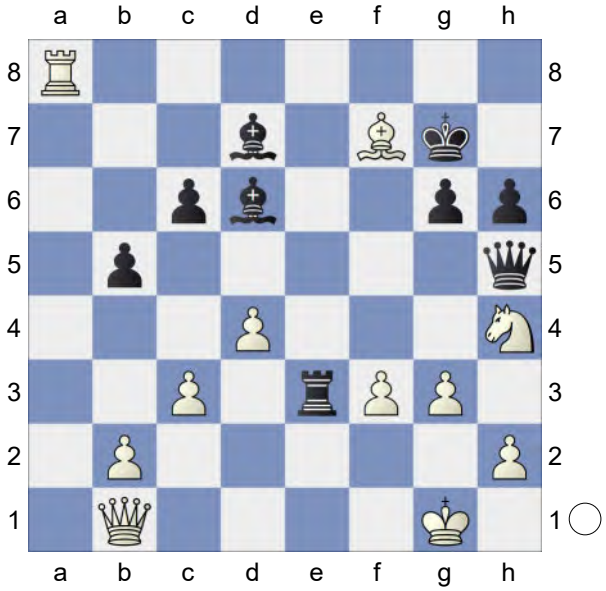
28...Kh7? 5.08/18

[28...Re8!± 0.55/20 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8]



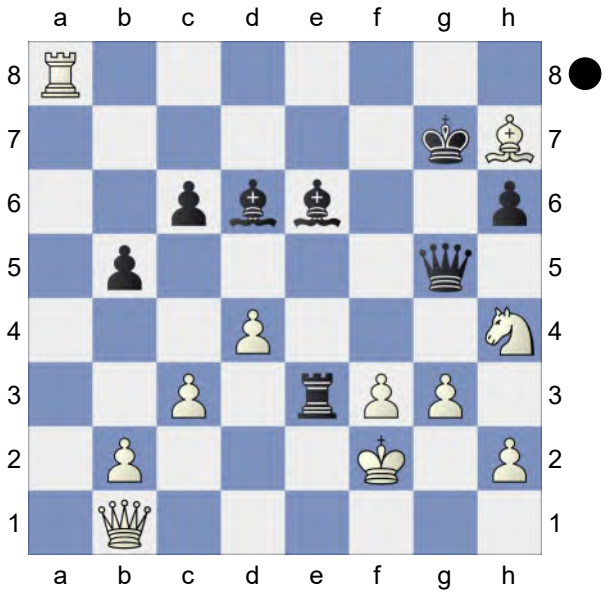
Black cannot hold the game after this.

29.Qb1++- g6 30.Bxf7 Kg7



White is clearly winning. **31.Bxg6 Qg5 32.Bh7 Be6** Prevents Rg8+ **33.Kf2**

(Diagram)



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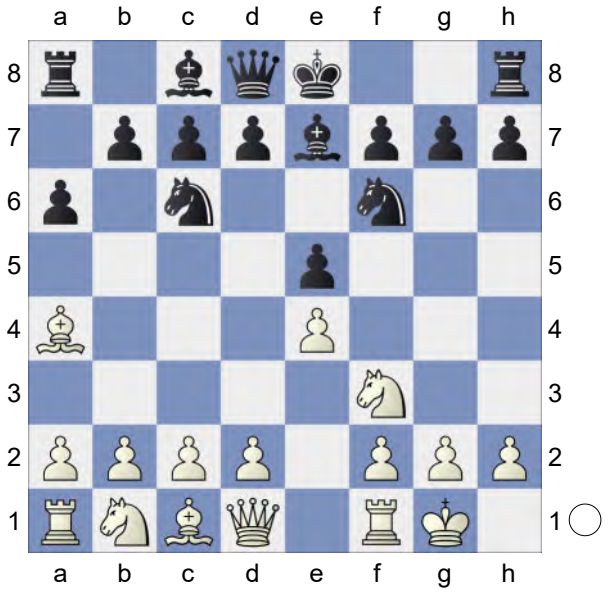
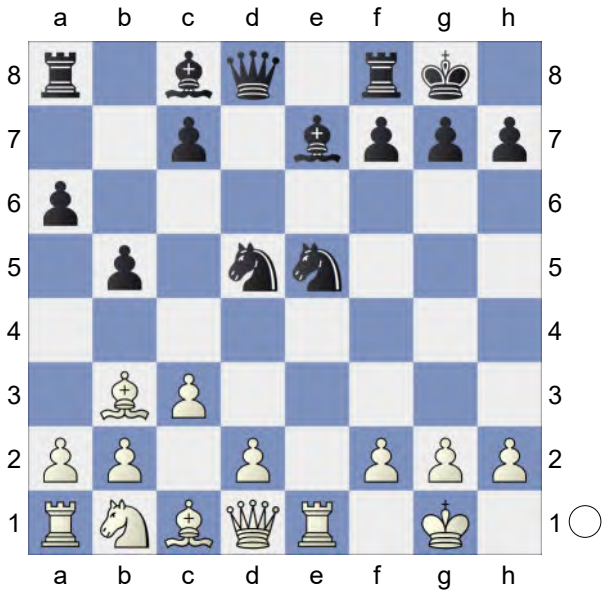
6 **C89**
□ **Ayush Sharma** **2444**
■ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2530**
Pavlodar Open 2024 (7) 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

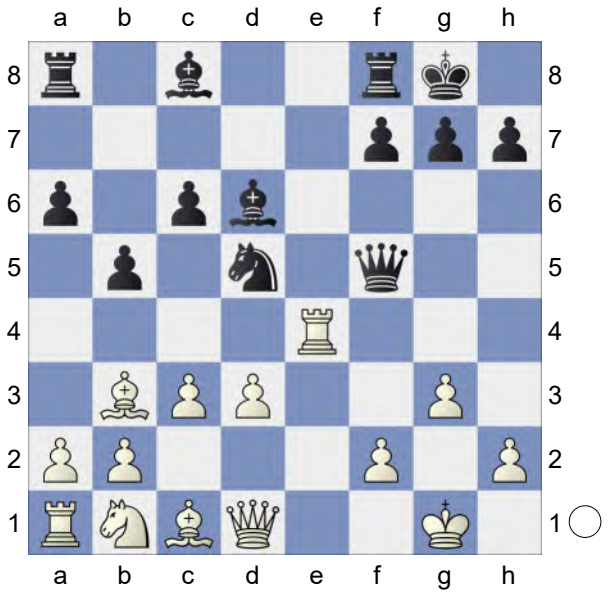
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



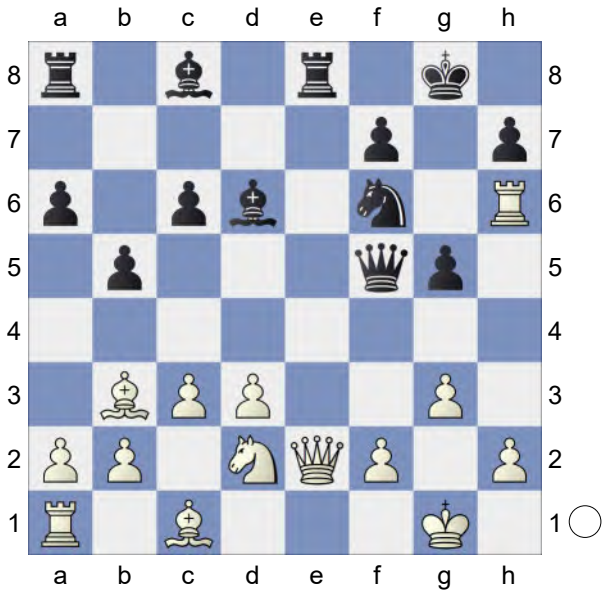
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5



16.Nd2! Nf6 0.67/20
[16...Bc5 17.Nf3±]
[⌓16...Qg6 0.36/18]
17.Rh4 Ng4 now scores much better than the old 17...g5.punktet besser als das ältere 17...g5. **18.Qe2** White is slightly better. **18...g5** 0.84/21
[18...Qg6!± 0.52/19]
19.Rh3± Strongly threatening Ne4.
19...Nf6 20.Rh6 Re8



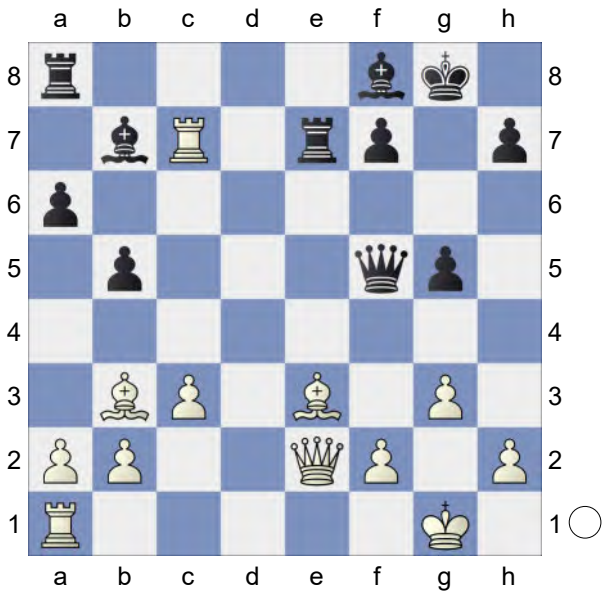
Prevents Ne4. **21.Ne4! Nxe4 22.dxe4 Rxe4 23.Be3 Bf8** 1.80/22

[23...Be6± 0.78/21 might work better.]

24.Rxc6+- Bb7 2.50/22

[⌓24...Bd7 1.85/21 25.Rc7 Rae8]

25.Rc7 Re7



26.Rxb7 Rxb7 27.Bc2! Qe5 28.Qh5N

[28.Rd1 h6 29.Qf3 Rab8 30.h4 Bg7 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Qh5 1-0 Moskalenko,E (1639)-Visser,B (1433) LSS RD-2009-0-00026]

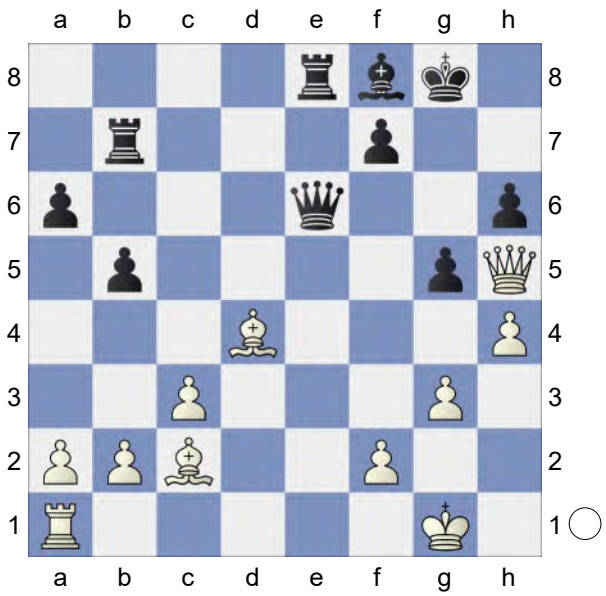
[28.f4 Qe6 29.Qd3 *(29.fxg5? Re8-+)* 29...Qg6±]

28...h6 29.Bd4 White has strong compensation. **29...Qe6 30.h4** 1.24/21

[30.Qf3+- 1.61/23 Rab8 31.Be4 *(31.Qd3 Qg6=)*]

30...Re8±

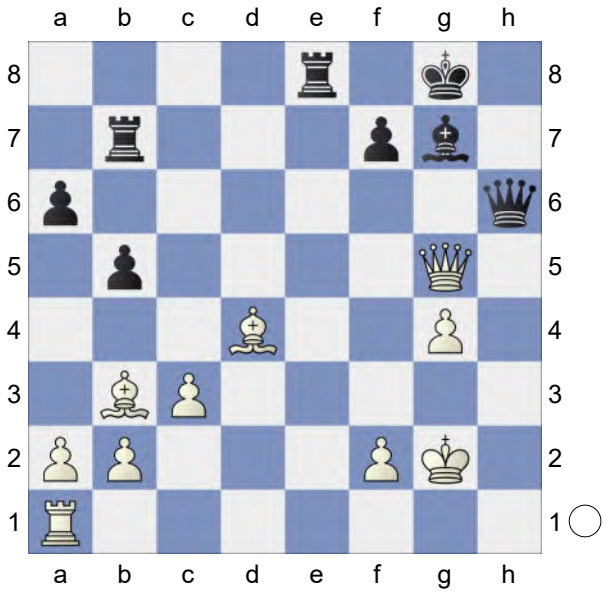
(Diagram)



31.Bb3! This bishop pair is nice.

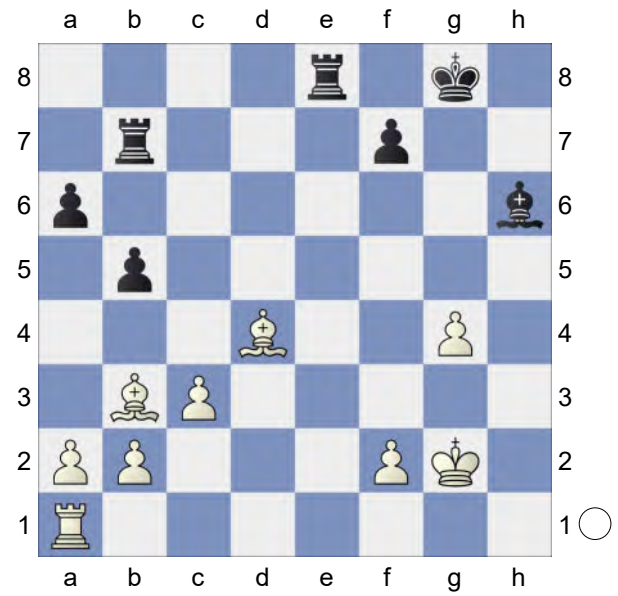
[31.hxg5?! Qe2 32.Qh1 Rbe7=]

31...Qf5 32.g4 Deflection **32...Qh7 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Qxg5+ Bg7 35.Kg2!→** aiming for Rh1. Black is in trouble. **35...Qh6**

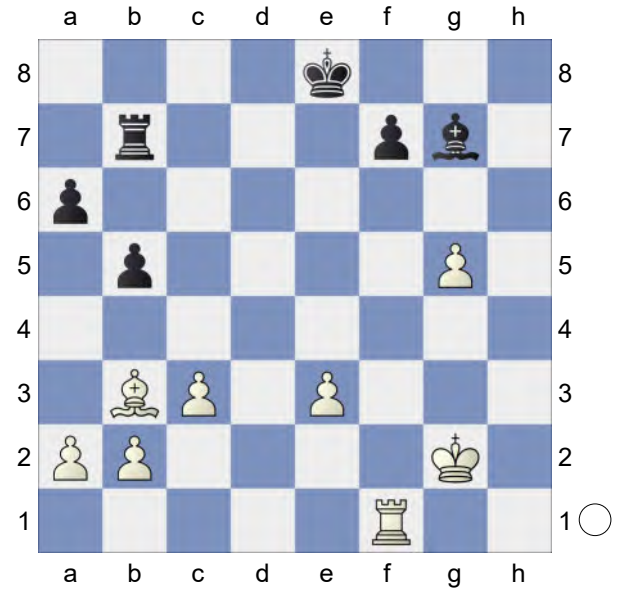


36.Qxh6 The board is on fire. **36...Bxh6**

(Diagram)

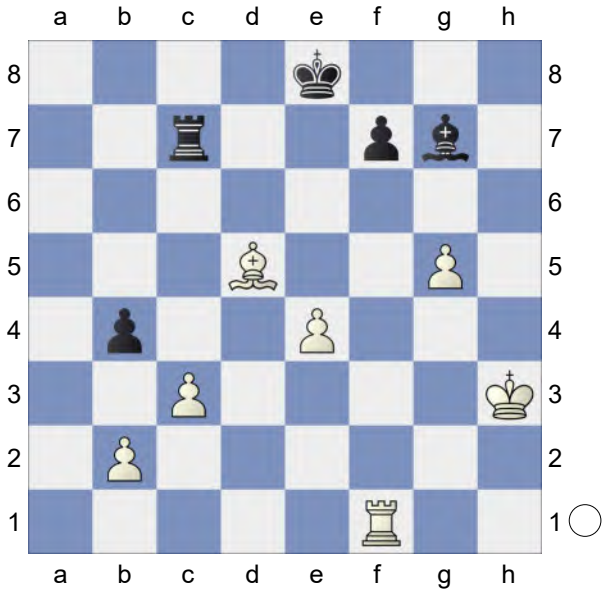


37.g5! Bg7 38.Be3
[But not 38.g6?! Bxd4 39.gxf7+ *(39.cxd4 Rd8±; 39.Bxf7+ Rxf7 40.gxf7+ Kxf7±)* 39...Rxf7±]
38...Rxe3 2.41/21
[38...Kh7 1.83/21 is a better defense. 39.Bc2+ Kg8]
39.fxe3+- Endgame KRB-KRB **39...Kf8 40.Rf1 Ke8**

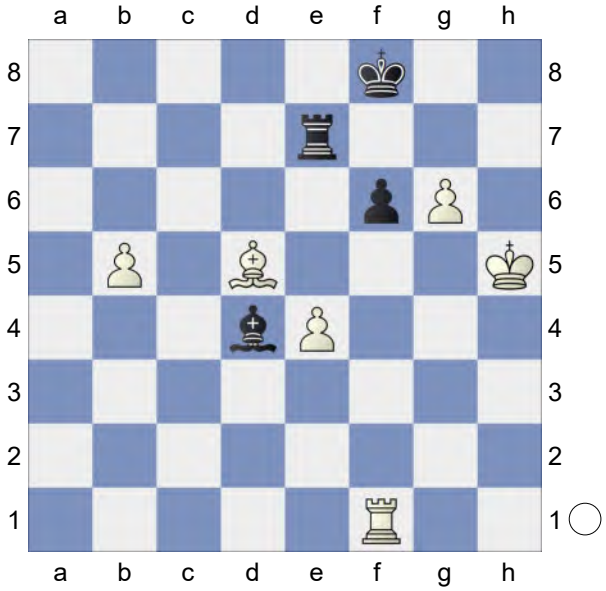


41.Bd5 Re7 42.e4 Rc7 43.a3 a5 44.Kh3 b4 5.98/26
[⌓44...Ra7 4.10/22 45.Bc6+ Ke7 46.Bxb5 f6]

45.axb4 White is clearly winning.
45...axb4



46.cxb4 Bxb2 47.b5 Hoping for b6.
47...Bd4 48.Kg4 Re7 49.Kh5 Kf8 50.g6 f6



51.b6 Black must now prevent b7.
51...Re5+ 52.Rf5 Re8 53.Kh6 Be3+

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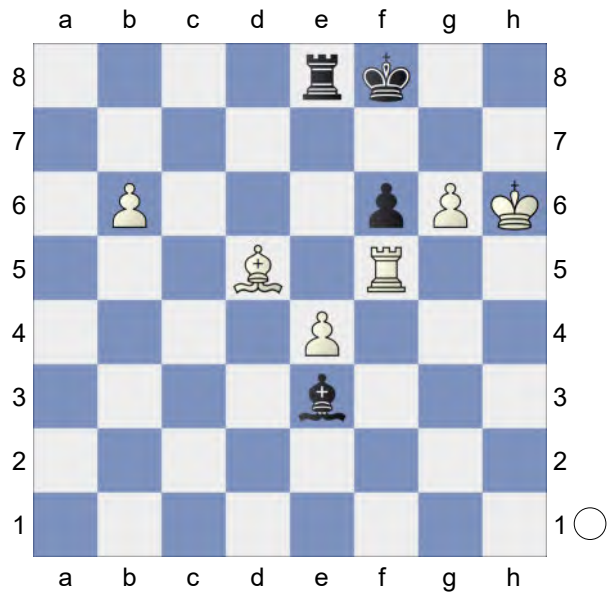
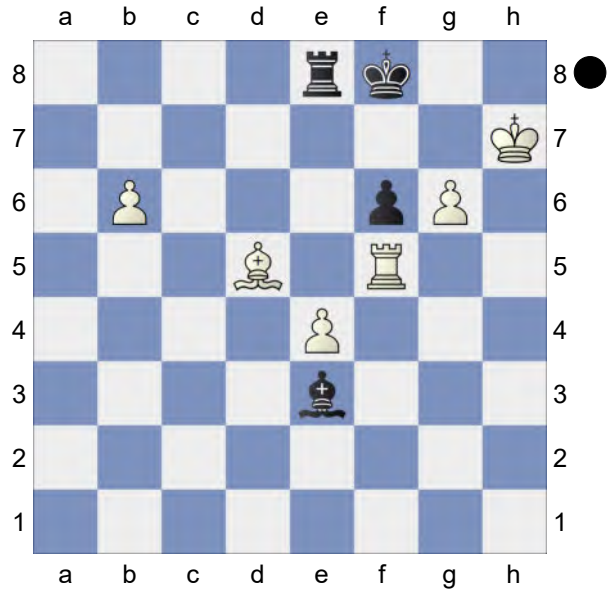


54.Kh7!



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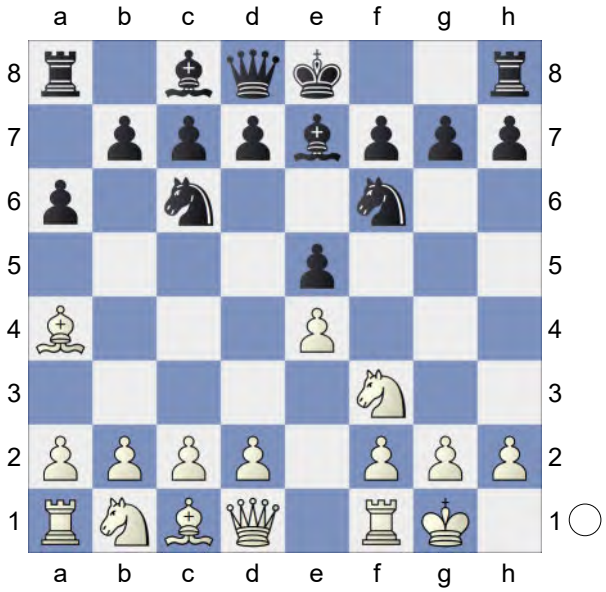
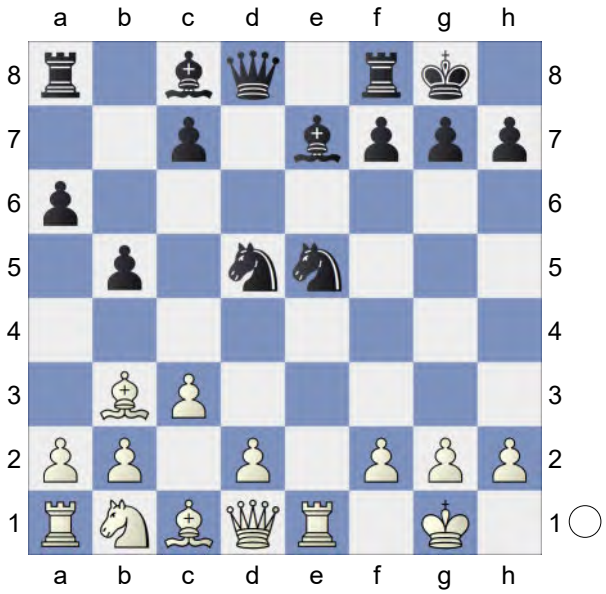
7 **C89**
□ **azeerf** **2724**
■ **BulgarianBulldozer** **2659**
Blitz 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

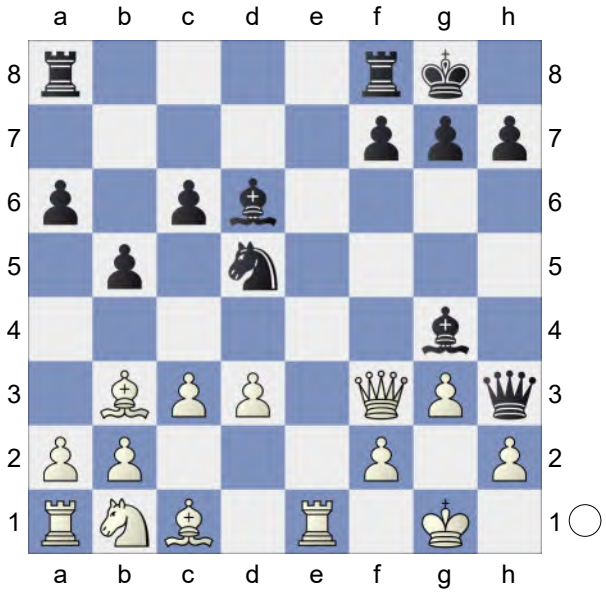
Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



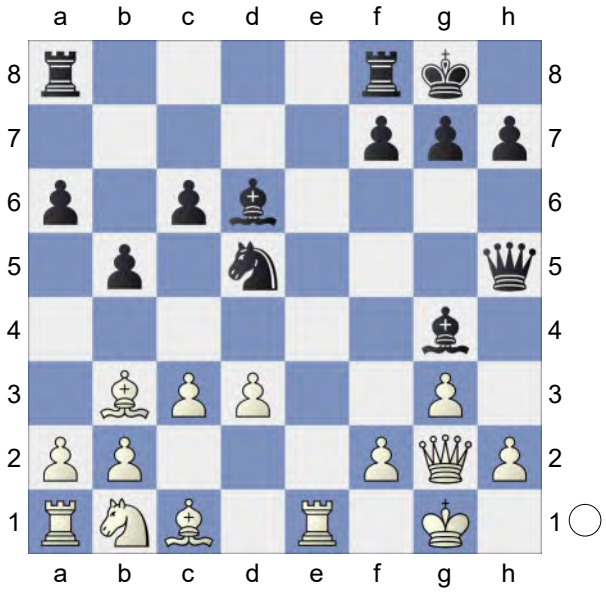
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 White has an edge.
15...Bg4



16.Qg2 Qh5



Strongly threatening ...Rae8. **17.Bxd5** -0.42/21
[17.Be3= -0.01/21 might be stronger.]
[17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Rf1 Bh3 19.Qf3 Qg6 20.Ne4 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Bc7 22.Bd2 Kh8 23.h4 h6 24.h5 Qe6 25.Kg2 Bb6 26.Re1 Qd7 27.d4 f5 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 Rxe1 30.Bxe1 f4 31.Bc2 Qe7 Talibov,S (2348)-

Smirnov,P (2538) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (38)]

17...cxd5∓ 18.Be3 -1.37/20

[18.Qf1∓ -0.51/20]

18...Bf5N 0.39/18 This bishop pair is nice.

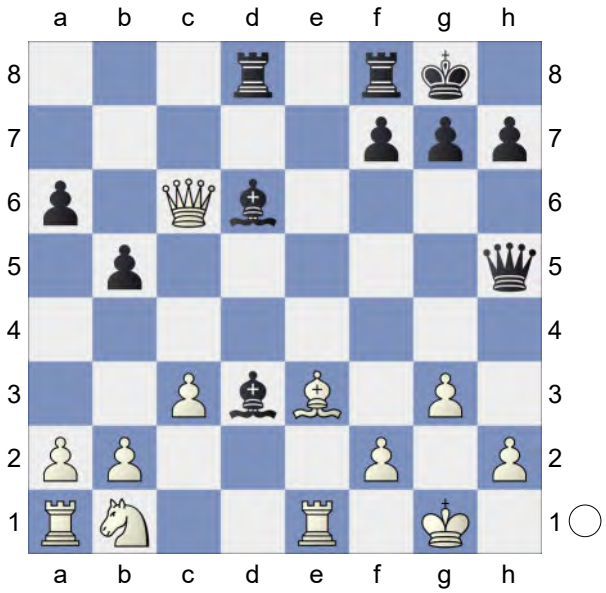
[18...Bf3∓ -1.37/20 19.Qf1 f5]

[18...Rae8 19.Nd2 Re6 20.Nb3 Bf3 21.Qf1 Be5 22.Nd2 Bg4 23.f3 Bh3 24.Qf2 Rfe8 25.a3 Qg6 26.Rad1 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Rxe3 28.Nf1 R3e6 29.Rxe6 Qxe6 30.Rd2 Qe1 31.Qxe1 Rxe1 32.Rf2 Rb1 33.c4 Nikishin,S-Jaumandreu Llopis,A (2240) ICCF Marshall thematic 1998 0-1 (37) bxc4 34.dxc4 dxc4 35.g4 f6 36.f4 Kf7 37.g5 Rxf1+ 0-1 (37) Peglau,L-Kanno, C (2240) USSR 14/131 1998 ZUS C73 [John Watson]]

19.Qxd5± Rad8 Hoping for ...Bxg3!

20.Qc6 Bxd3 1.20/21

[20...Rfe8± 0.55/19]

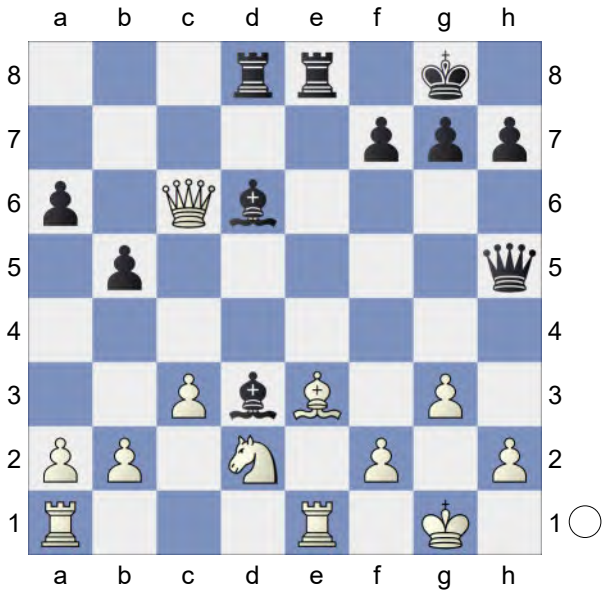


21.Nd2 0.45/19

[21.Bb6± 1.20/21 Qf5 22.Bxd8]

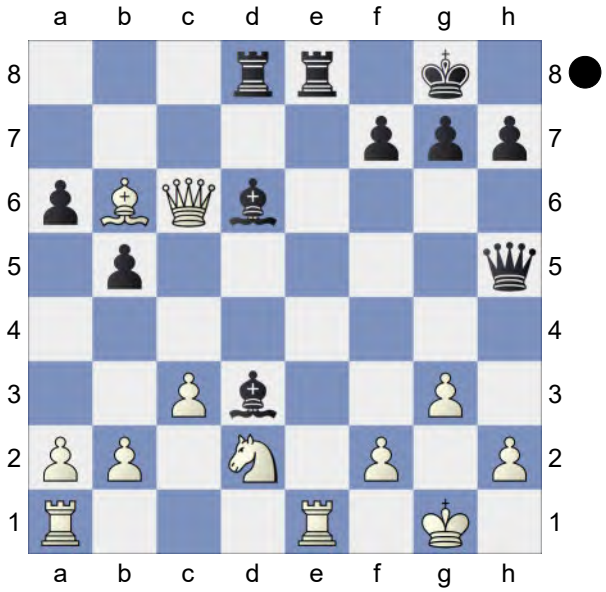
21...Rfe8 3.17/20

[Better is 21...Be2± 0.45/19]



22.Bb6

[Not 22.Qxa6 Qd5±]



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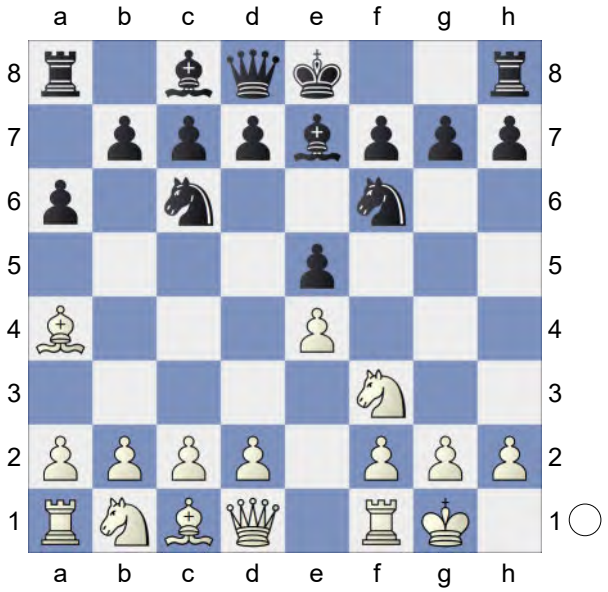
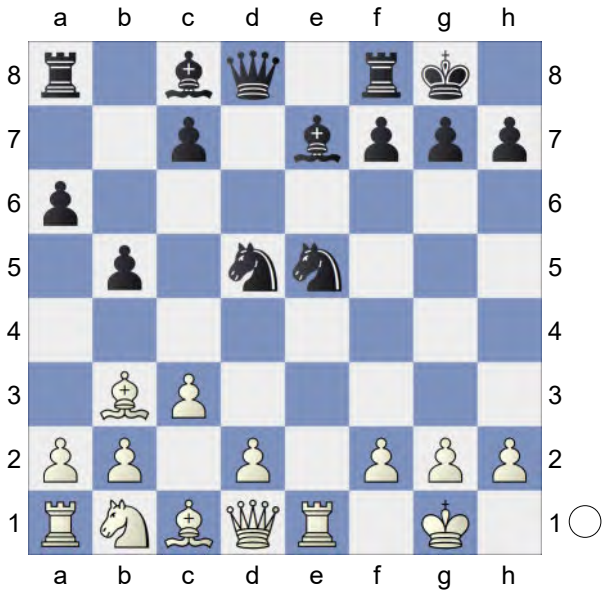
4 **C89**
□ **ASliceOfPi** **2629**
■ **InanisBot** **2562**
Rapid 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1

&Bianco is more active. **13...c5N**
[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]
14.dxc5
[14.Bg5 with more complications. Bb7 15.a4 h6 16.Bh4]
14...Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8

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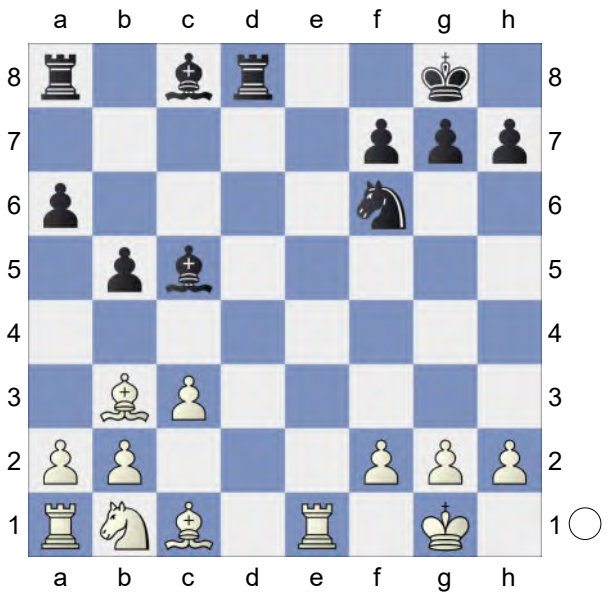
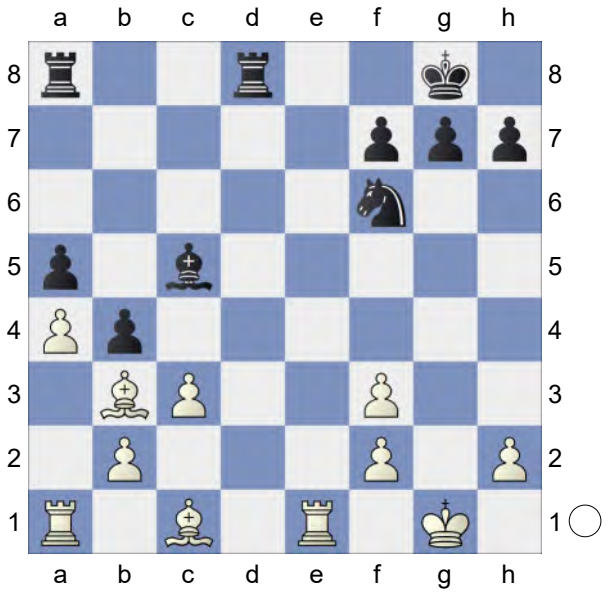


White is slightly better. **16.Nd2 Bb7**
17.Nf3 Bxf3 1.10/20
[17...Ng4± 0.64/19
is more appropriate. 18.Nd4 h6]
18.gxf3± a5 1.58/21
[⌓18...h6 1.05/19]
19.a4! b4



20.Re5! Rac8

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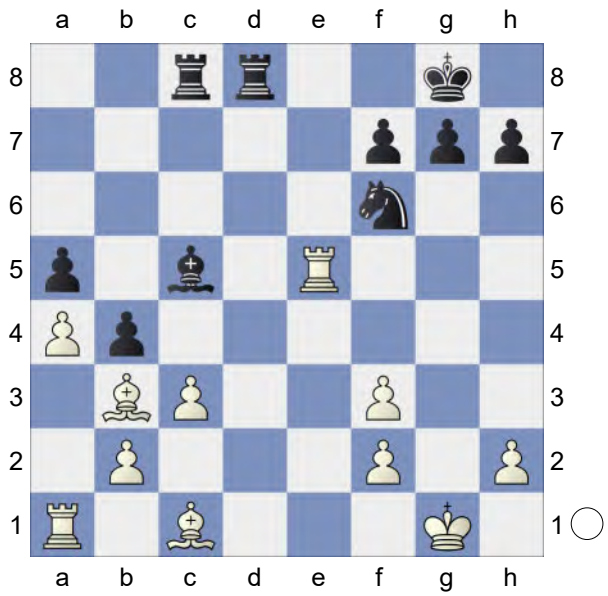
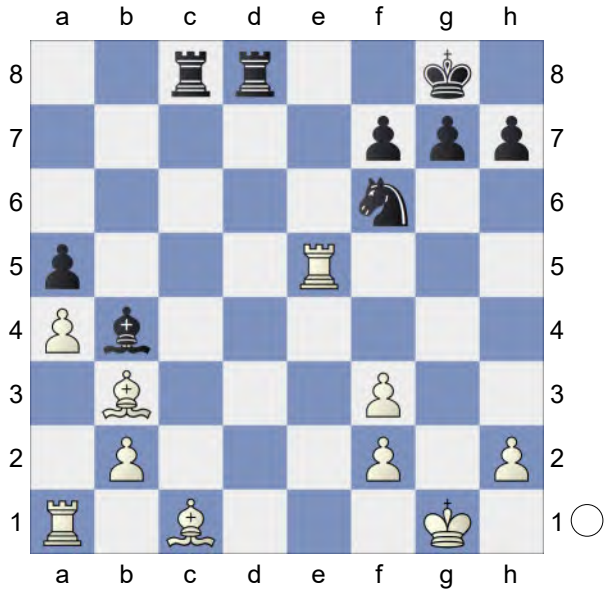
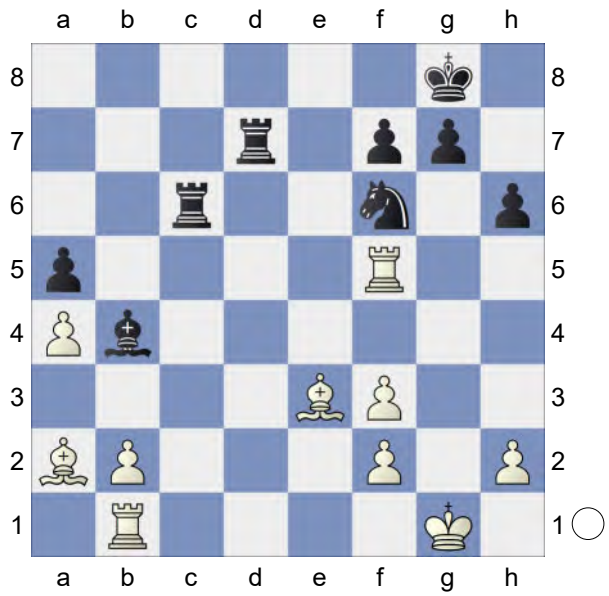


21.cxb4 Bxb4

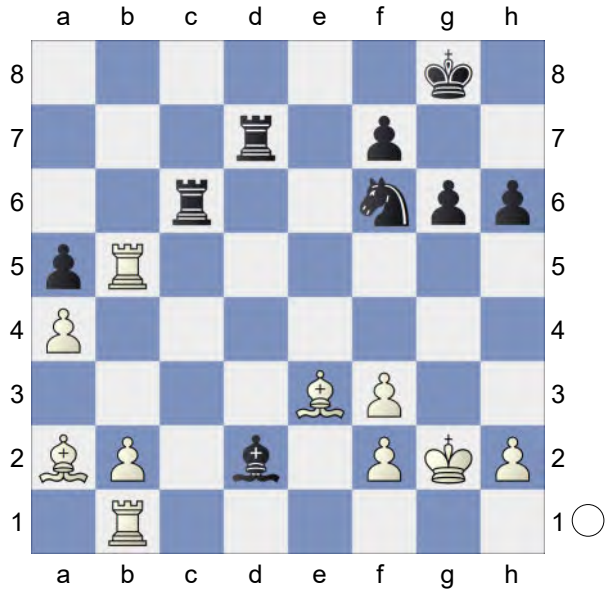


22.Be3! Rd3 23.Ba2 Rd7 1.54/21
[Better is 23...g6 1.07/21]
24.Rf5 1.22/20
[⌓24.Bb6 1.54/21]
24...h6 25.Rb1 Rc6

(Diagram)

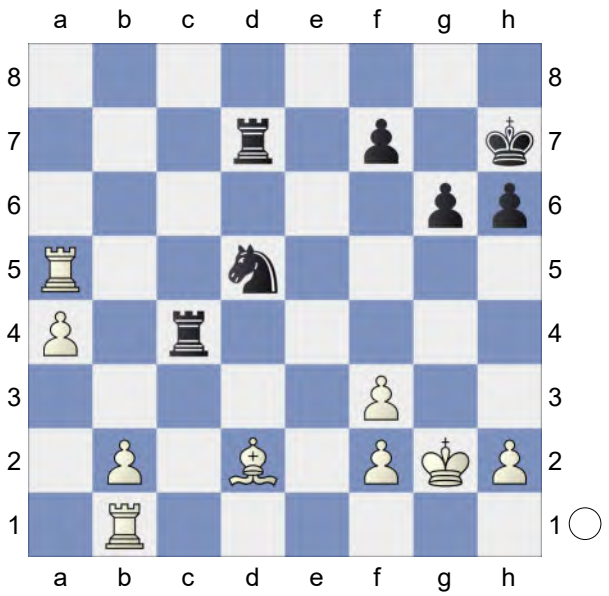


26.Kg2 g6 27.Rb5 Bd2

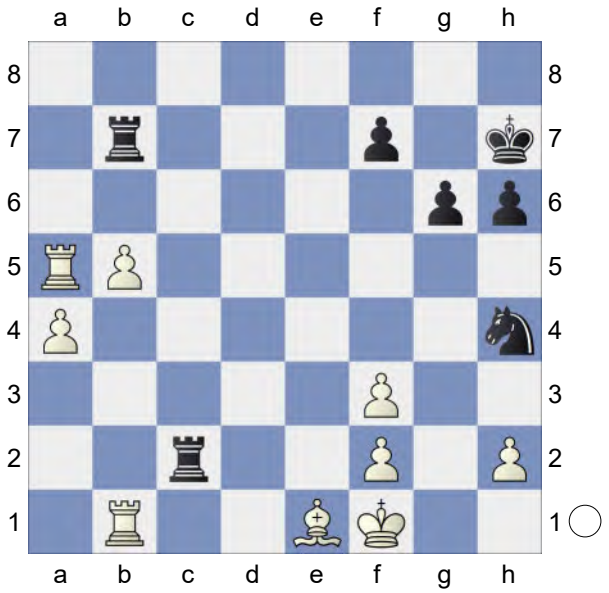


28.Bd5! Nxd5 1.69/21
[28...Rc2± 1.33/21 29.Bb3 Rc6]
[28...Rxd5 29.Rxd5]
29.Bxd2+- Rc4 2.48/22
[⌓29...g5 1.67/20 30.Bxa5 *(30.Rxa5 Rc2±)* 30...Nf4+ 31.Kf1 Ra6]
30.Rxa5 Kh7

(Diagram)

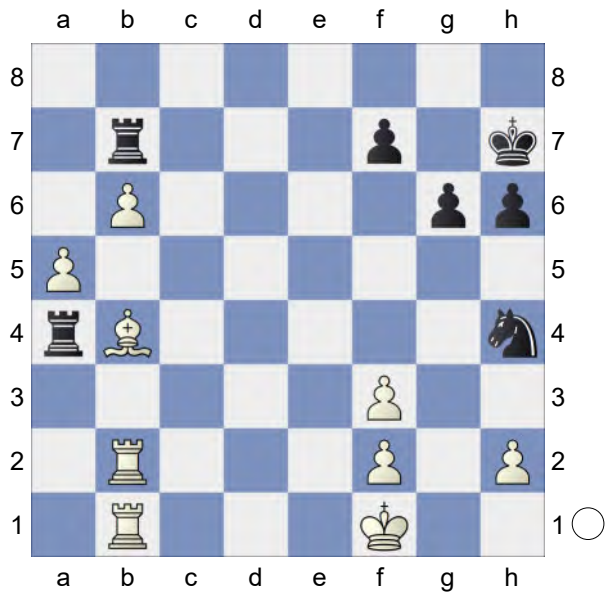


31.b4 Rc2 32.Be1 Ne3+ 3.00/22
[⌓32...Ra2 2.00/18 33.Kg3 Nb6]
33.Kg1 Nf5 3.78/22
[⌓33...Nc4 2.67/23]
34.b5 Rb7 35.Kf1 Nh4

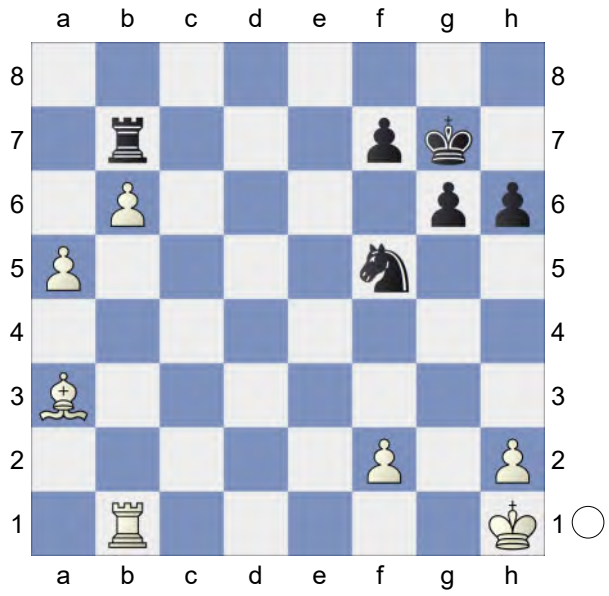


36.b6 aiming for Ra7. **36...Rc6 37.Rab5** Hoping for a5. **37...Rc2 38.a5 Ra2 39.R5b2 Ra3 40.Bb4 Ra4**

(Diagram)



41.Rb3 Kg7 42.Ra3 Rxa3 43.Bxa3 Nxf3 Endgame KRB-KRN **44.Kg2 Nh4+ 45.Kh1 Nf5**



46.a6 Rb8 47.b7 White wants to mate with a7. **47...Nd4 48.Bb2** White mates. **48...f6 49.Bxd4** KRB-KR **49...Rh8 50.a7 g5**

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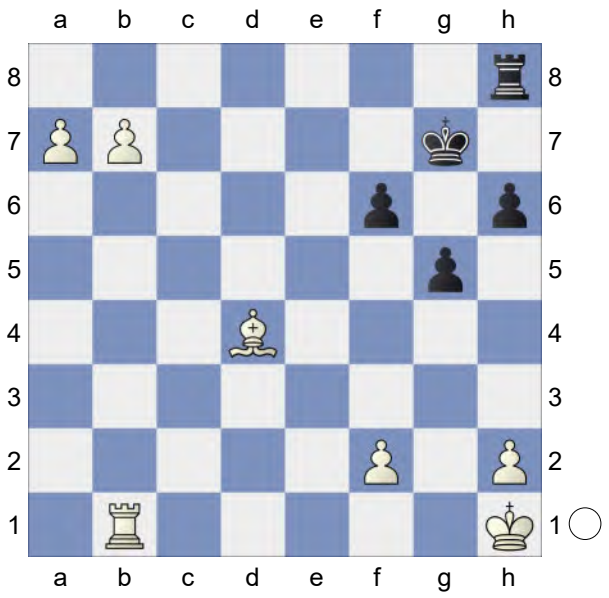
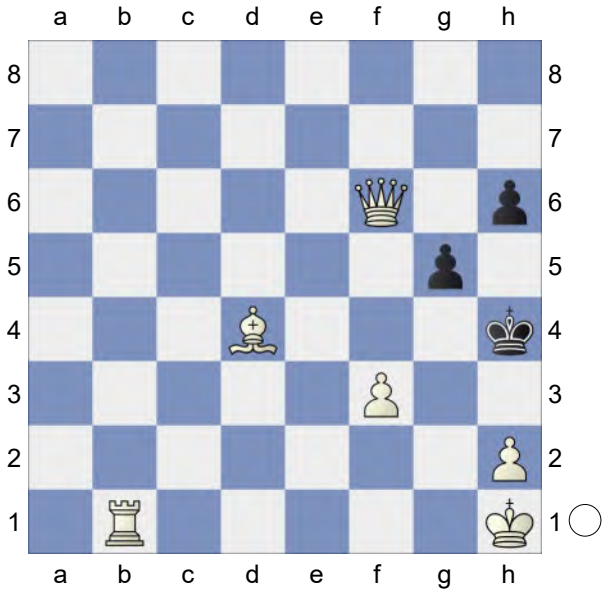


51.b8Q Rxb8 52.axb8Q Kf7 53.Qd6 Kg6 54.Qxf6+ Kh5 55.f3 Kh4



56.Qxh6#

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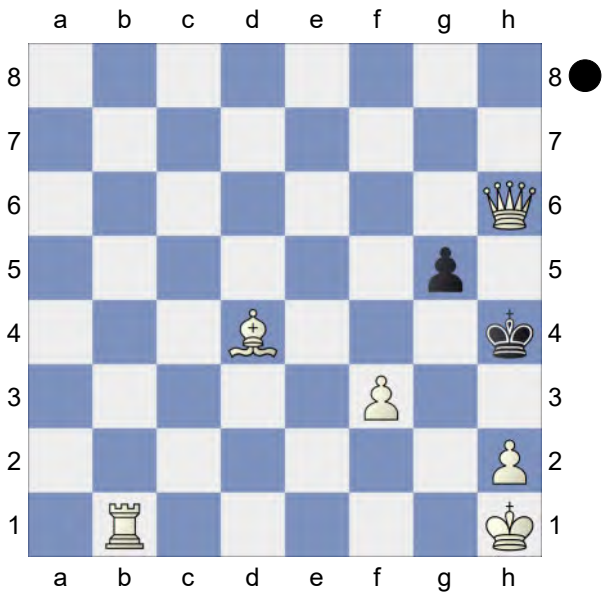

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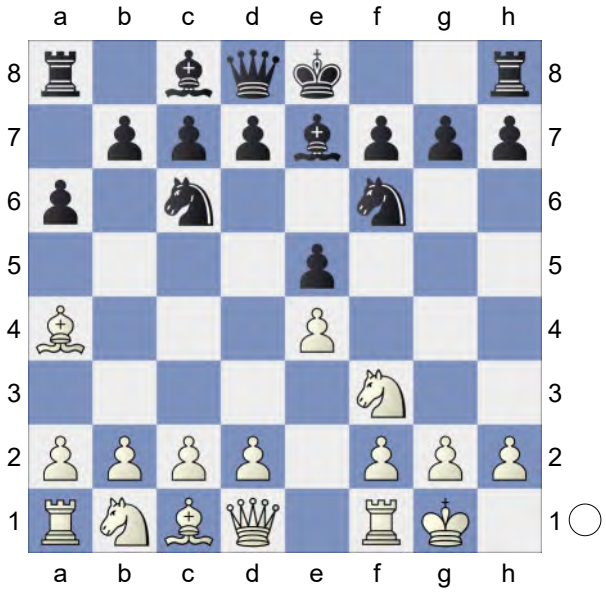
8 **C89**
□ **berval** **2564**
■ **kahvitauko** **2543**
Blitz 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Ubilava,E: 'Inf 75/(317)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Bb3 b5 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d3
[10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 18.a4 Rb8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.fxg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 Anand,V (2781)-Adams,M (2716) Dos Hermanas 1999 CI1-130 [Ubilava,Elizbar] ½-½]
10...Bb7

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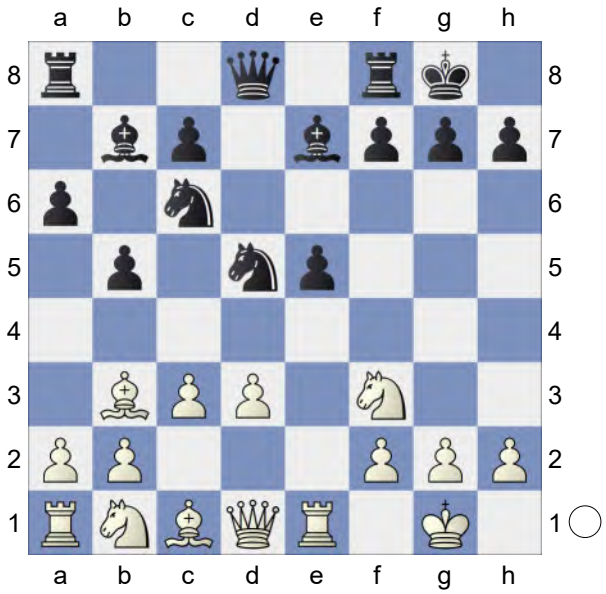


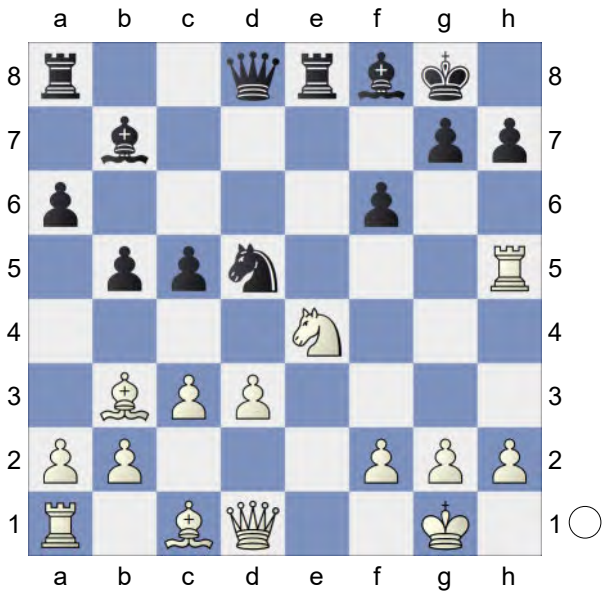
11.Nbd2N
[11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qd7 13.Qf3 Rad8 14.Nd2 c5 15.Ne4 c4 16.dxc4 Nf6 17.Be3 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qd3 19.Rd4 Bxf3 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.gxf3 Bf6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.cxb5 axb5 24.f4 ½-½ (24) Spassky,B (2620)-Polgar Zsuzsa (2485) Cannes (France) 1987]
[11.a4 b4 *(11...Qd7 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Rxa8 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Ra1 16.Bc2 c5* 10. d3 #2-N, N Marshall Sidelines*)* 12.a5 Kh8 13.d4 bxc3 14.bxc3 exd4 15.cxd4 Ncb4 16.Bc4 c5 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Bf6 19.Qd2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nf4 21.Qxb4 Bxf3 22.g3 Qd4 23.Ra2 Nd3 24.Rd2 Nxb4 25.Rxd4 Nc2 Vaishali,R (2475)-Lagno,K (2542) Toronto, Canada 2024 [Harry Grieve] 0-1]
11...Re8 0.50/18
[11...Nf4= -0.04/17]
12.Nxe5± Nxe5 13.Rxe5 White is slightly better. **13...c5?** 2.56/19
[13...Nf6± 0.68/17]
14.Ne4? 0.80/18
[14.Qf3+- 2.56/19 is the precise move

to win.]

14...f6 15.Rh5 &Bianco is more active.

15...Bf8 2.08/21

[15...Qd7± 1.36/19 keeps fighting.]

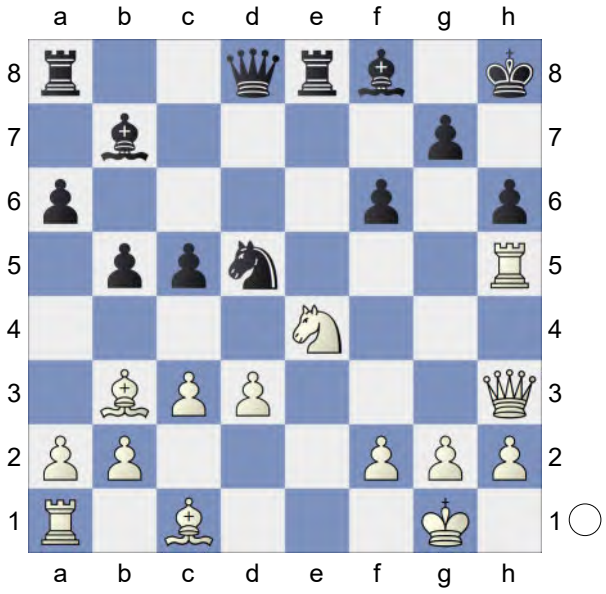


16.Qg4 Threatens to win with Bd2.

16...Kh8? 7.60/22

[16...g6 1.71/20]

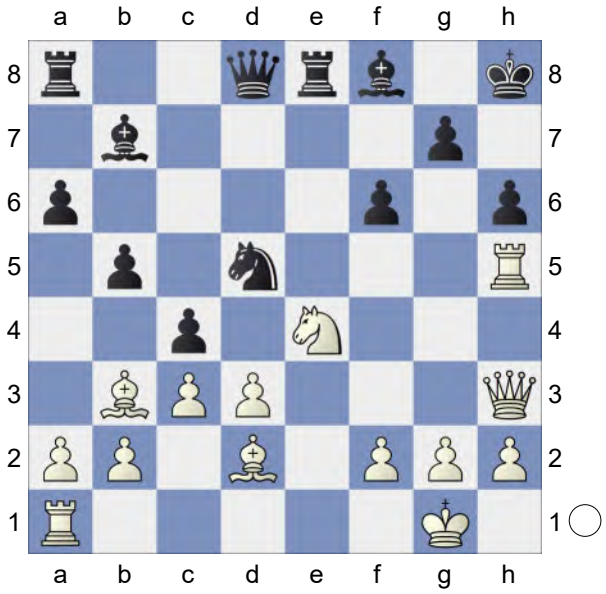
17.Qh3 h6



18.Bd2? 1.84/21

[18.Bxh6! 5.89/21 gxh6 19.Rxh6+ Bxh6 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.Nxf6+ Kf7 22.Nxe8 Kxe8 23.Qh5+ Kd7 24.Bxd5]

18...c4+-



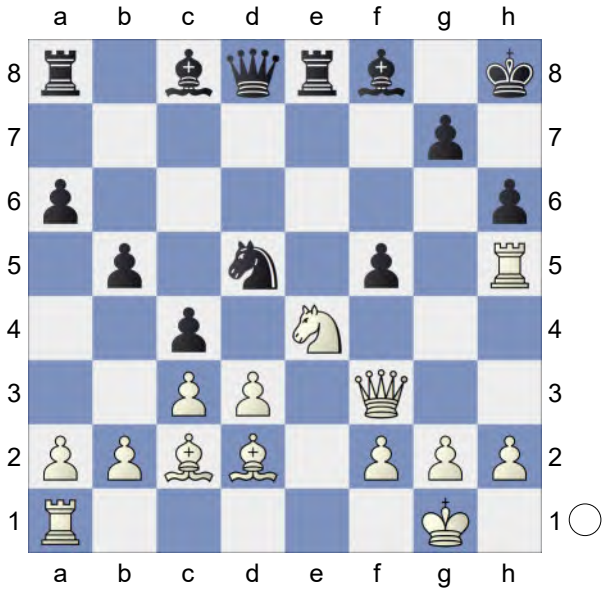
19.Bc2 0.82/18

[19.dxc4!+- 1.81/21 and White stays clearly on top. bxc4 20.Bc2]

19...Bc8 1.36/19

[⌓19...cxd3 0.82/18 20.Bxd3 *(20.Qxd3 Nb4=)* 20...Re5]

20.Qf3± f5

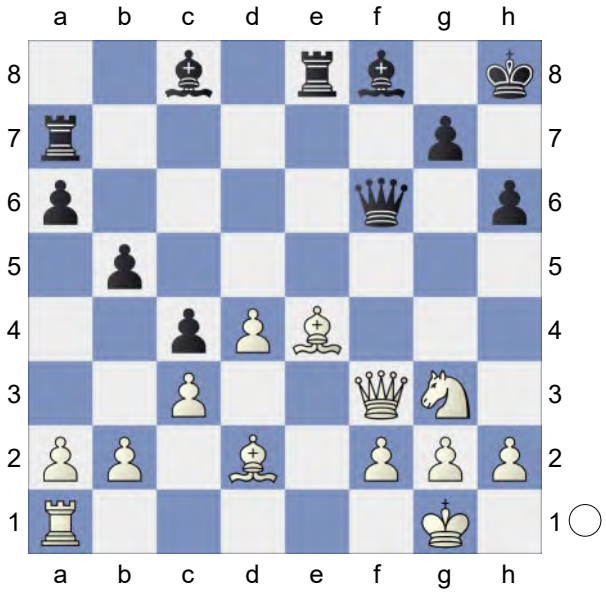


21.Ng3 Ra7 2.33/19

[21...cxd3 1.71/19 might work better. 22.Bxd3 *(22.Qxd3 Nf6±)* 22...Ra7]

22.d4? 0.66/18

[22.Nxf5 Nf6]
[22.Bg5+- 2.33/19 Nf6 23.Nxf5]
22...Nf6 1.41/19
[22...g6± 0.66/18]
23.Rh4 0.68/20
[Don't take 23.Bxf5?! Nxh5 24.Qxh5 *(24.Nxh5? Rf7-+)* 24...Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Kh7=]
[23.Nxf5?! Bb7 24.Qh3 Nxh5 25.Qxh5 Qd5±]
[Better is 23.Rxf5± 1.41/19 Bxf5 24.Qxf5]
23...Ne4 24.Rxe4 fxe4 25.Bxe4 Qf6 1.65/20
[25...Bd6± 0.86/19]



26.h3 0.66/18
[26.Qxf6+- 1.65/20 gxf6 27.a4]
26...Qxf3 27.Bxf3 Rae7 28.a4 Bb7 29.Bxb7 0.67/21
[29.Nf5± 1.23/20]
29...Rxb7± 30.axb5 axb5 0.82/22
[30...Rxb5± 0.40/23 31.Bf4 *(31.Rxa6 Rxb2 32.Nf1 Kg8∓)* 31...Rxb2]

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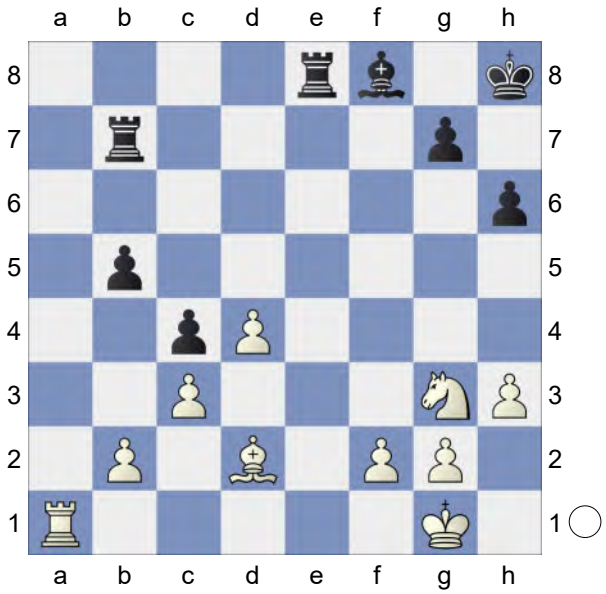
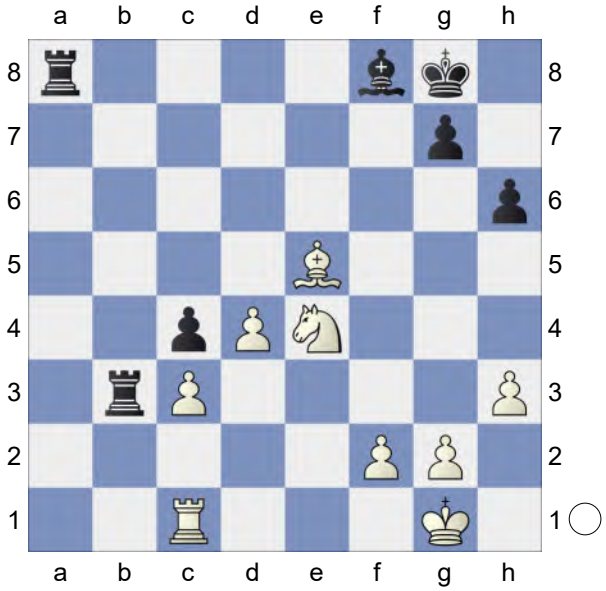


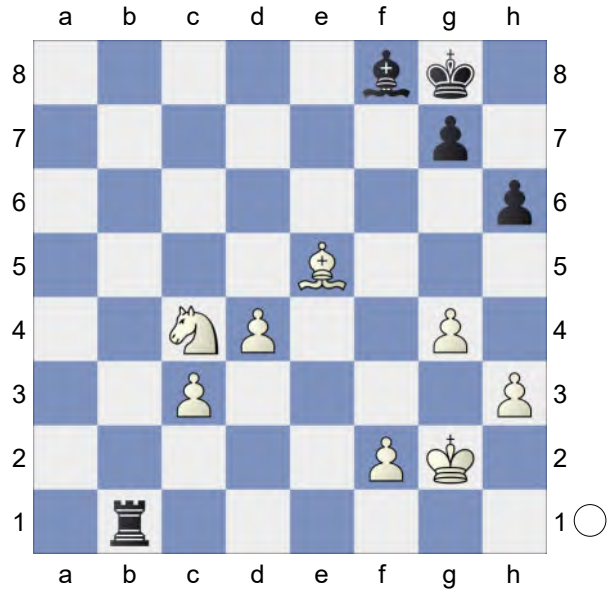
31.Bf4 b4 32.Be5 bxc3 33.bxc3 Rb3 34.Rc1 0.45/20
[34.Ne4± 0.85/21]
34...Ra8 35.Ne4 Kg8 1.33/21
[Black should play 35...Ra2± 0.43/21]



36.g4 0.63/21
[36.Nd2± 1.33/21]
36...Ra7 1.11/20
[36...Rba3± 0.63/21]
37.Kg2± Rab7 1.73/20
[37...Rba3± 1.11/19]
38.Nd2+- Rb2 39.Nxc4 Rb1 3.30/22

[39...Re2= -0.01/19 and Black is okay.]

40.Rxb1 Rxb1

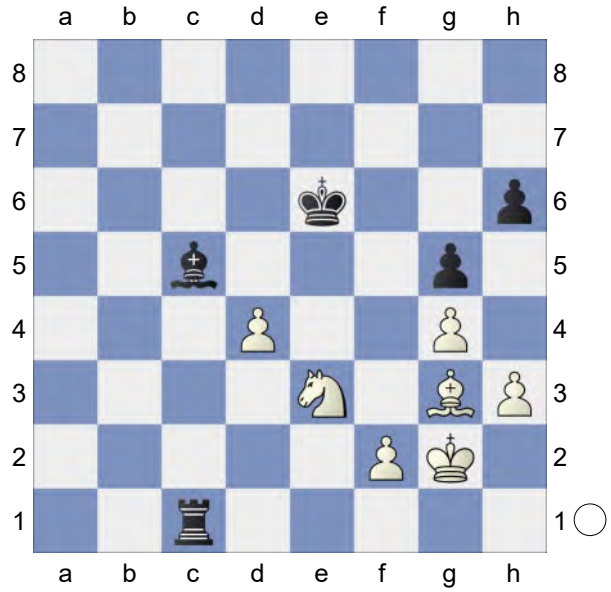


Endgame KRB-KBN **41.Ne3 Kf7 42.c4 Ke6 43.Bf4 g5 44.Bg3 Rc1** 3.64/23

[⌓44...Kd7 2.42/21 45.Be5 Re1]

45.c5 Bxc5? 6.15/22

[45...Kd7 3.30/23 46.Kf3 Rh1]



46.dxc5 Rxc5 47.Nf5 h5 48.Ng7+ Kf6 49.Nxh5+ Kg6 50.h4 gxh4

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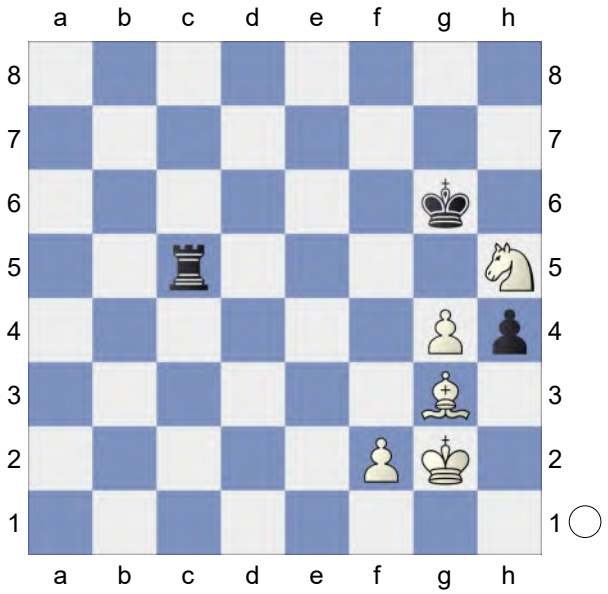
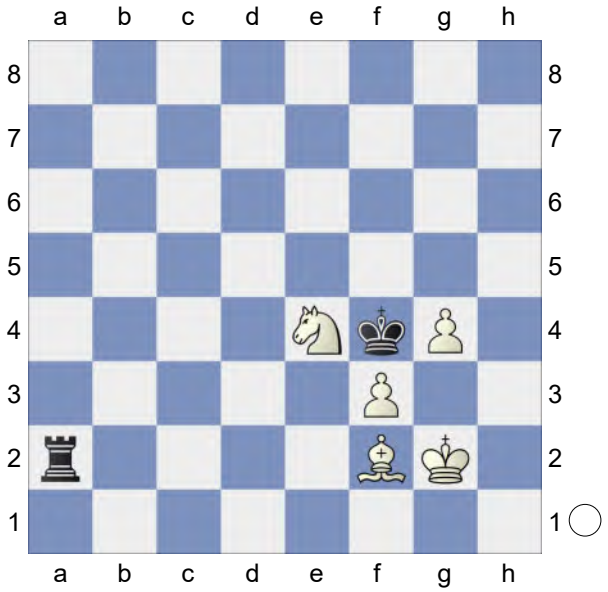


51.Bxh4 Rc4 52.f3 Rc2+ 53.Bf2 aiming for f4. **53...Ra2 54.Ng3 Kg5 55.Ne4+ Kf4**



56.Ng3? -0.01/21

[56.Nc5+- 6.24/24 Rd2 57.Ne6+ Ke5 58.Ng5]

56...Rc2? 6.07/23

[56...Kg5= -0.01/21 57.Nh5 Rb2]

57.Nh5+ Kg5 58.Kg3 Ra2 59.Be3+ Kg6 60.f4 Kf7

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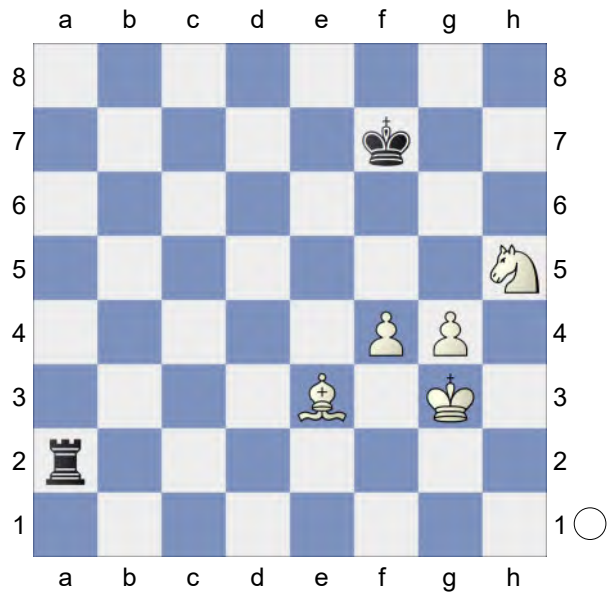
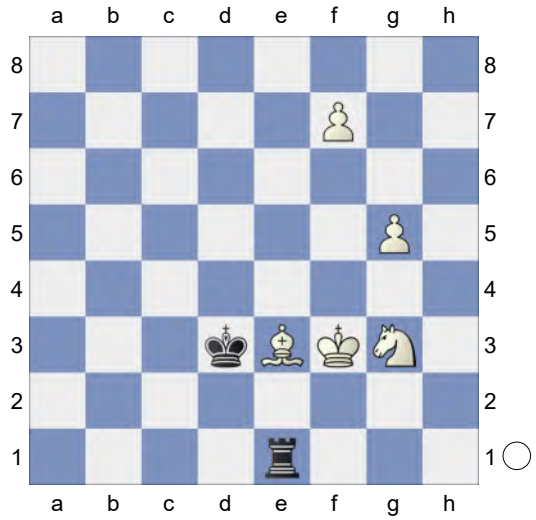


61.Kf3 Ke6 62.Ng3 Kd5 63.f5 Hoping for g5. **63...Kc4 64.g5 Kd3 65.g6** 12.99/16

[⌓65.f6 #13/17 Ra1 66.f7 Re1



67.f8Q! Rxe3+ 68.Kf4 Re1 69.g6 Kc2 70.g7]

65...Ra7

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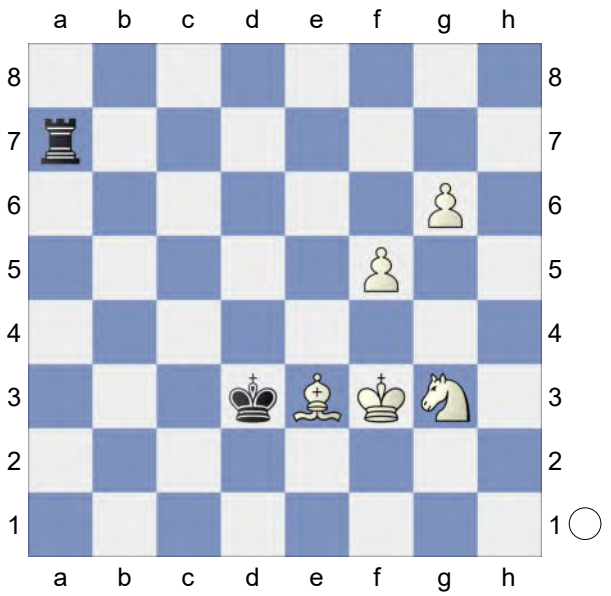
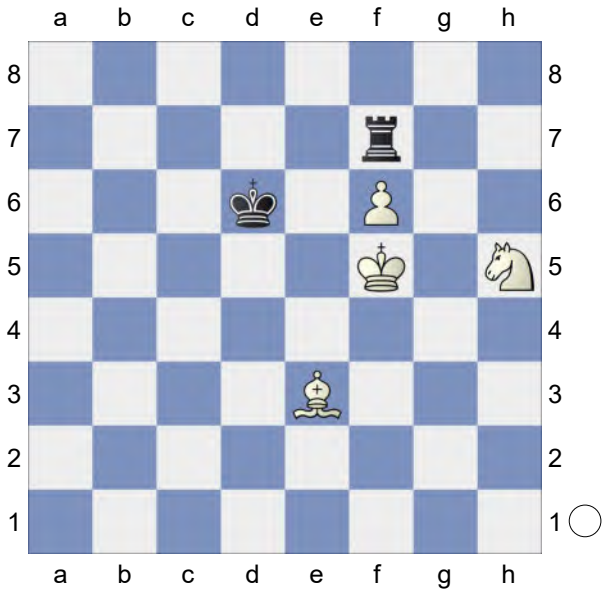


66.g7 4.95/16

[⌓66.Bxa7 #9/15 Kc4 67.g7 Kb3 68.g8Q+ Kc3 69.Ne4+ Kb4 70.Qb8+ Ka3 71.f6 Ka4 72.Nc5+ Ka5 73.Qb6#]

66...Rxg7 67.f6 Rf7 68.Nh5 Kc4 69.Kf4 Kd5 70.Kf5 Kd6



71.Bg5 Kd7 72.Kg6 Ke8 73.Nf4 6.17/25

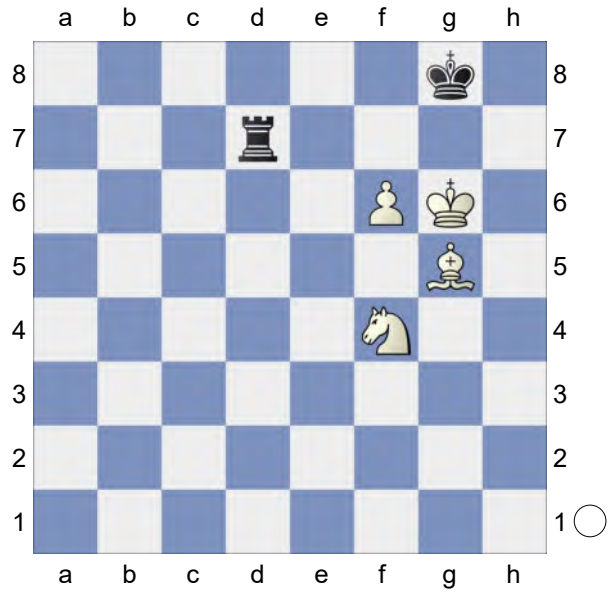
[⌓73.Ng7+ #15/24 Kf8 74.Bh6 Rd7 75.Nf5+ Ke8 76.f7+ Rxf7 77.Nd6+ Ke7 78.Nxf7]

73...Kf8 74.Ne6+ Kg8 75.Nf4? 0.01/28

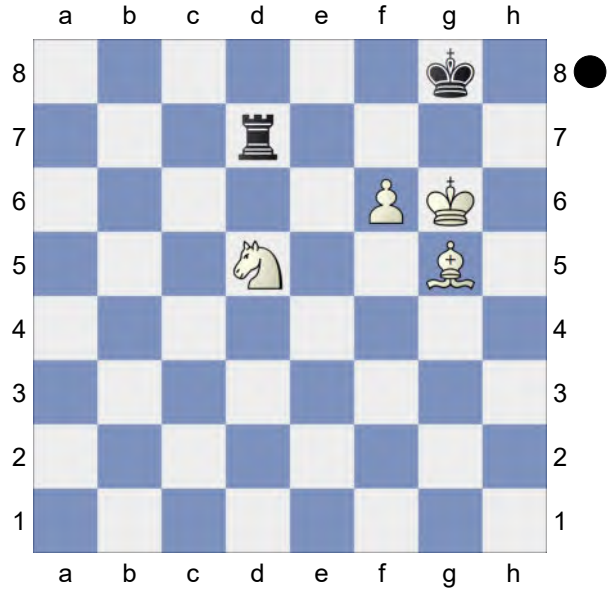
[75.Be3 #18/24 mates Rd7 76.Bc5 Rh7 77.Bb4 Rf7 78.Be7 Rh7 79.Bb4 Rf7 80.Be7]

75...Rd7? 9.72/31

[75...Kf8= 0.01/28 76.Ne6+ Ke8 77.Ng7+ Kf8 78.Be3 Kg8 79.Nf5 Kf8 80.Bh6+ Ke8 81.Nd6+ Kd8 82.Nxf7+ Kd7]



76.Nd5!



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9 **C89**

□ **bot64jaques** **2586**

■ **ArasanX** **3049**

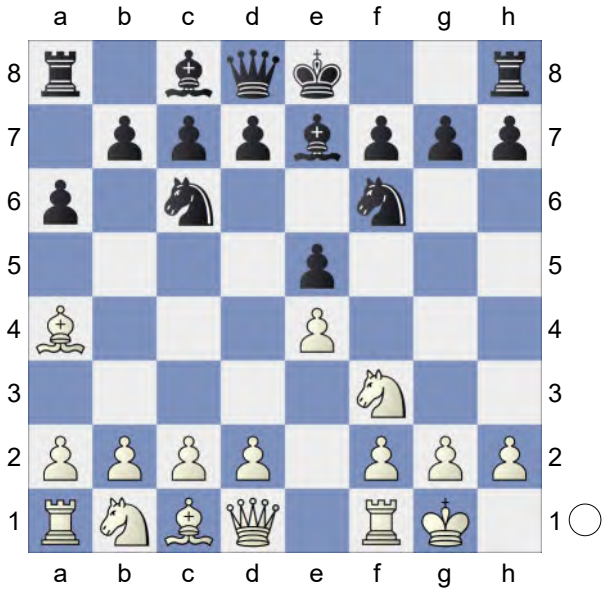
Rapid 06.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

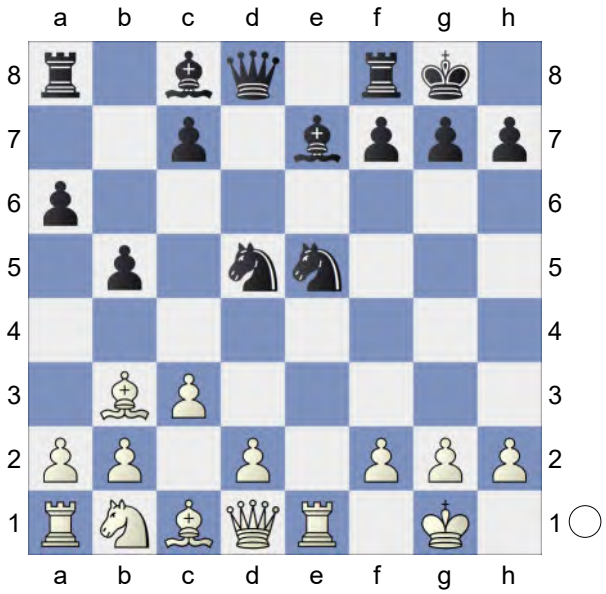
Blitz 10min+5sec

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

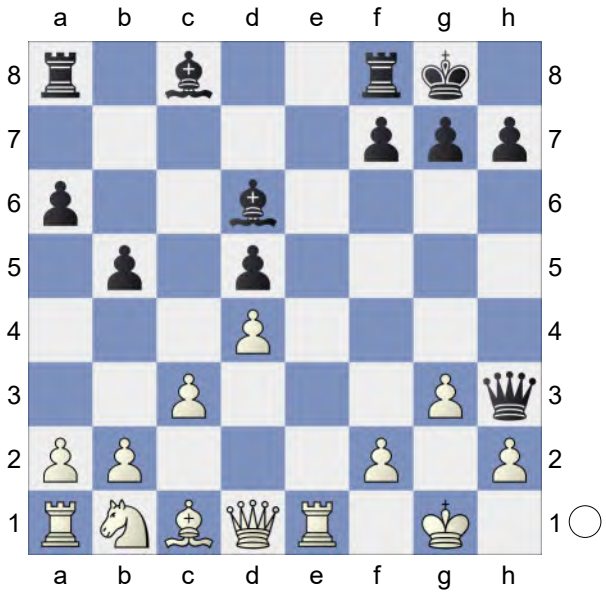


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

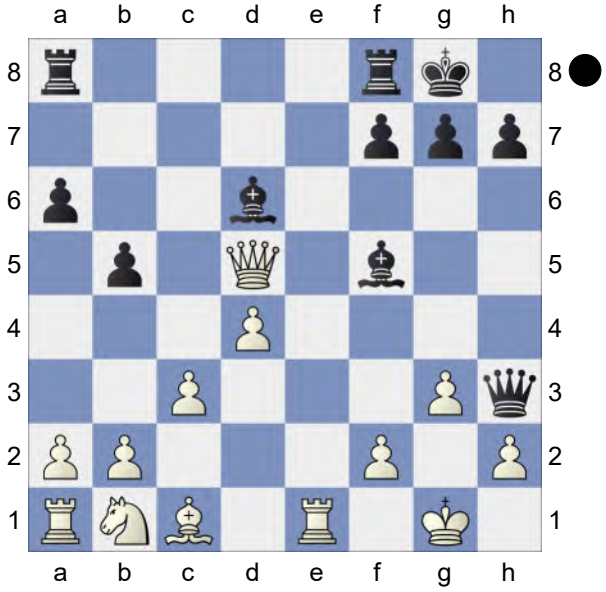


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4

14.g3 Qh3 15.Bxd5 cxd5



16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Qxd5



Rae8! -0.64/23 **18.Bd2!∓**

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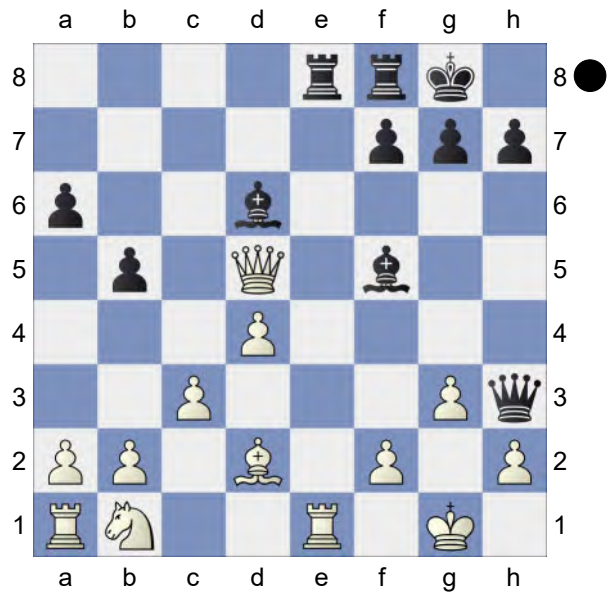
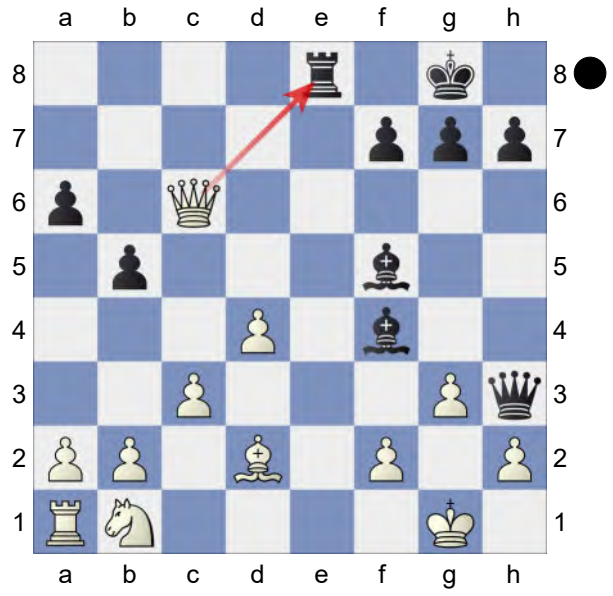
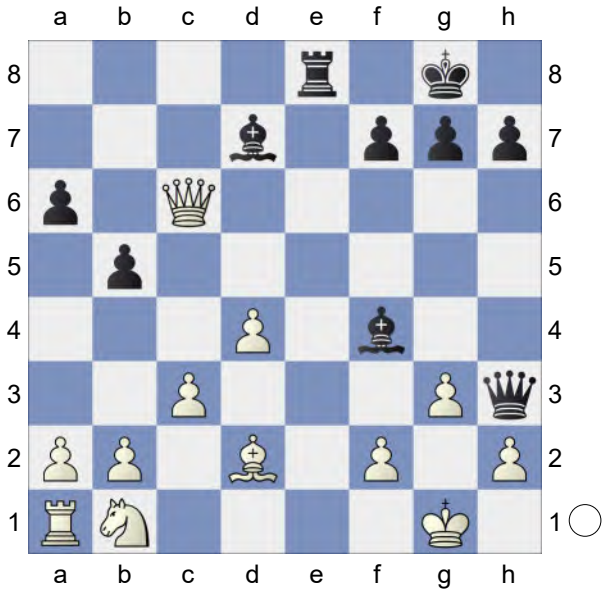


Bf4! ...Rxe1+ is the strong threat.
19.Rxe8 Black is slightly better.
19...Rxe8→ Black mounts an attack.
The board is on fire. **20.Qc6**
[20.gxf4 Be4]



20...Bd7
[20...Kf8 21.c4 f6 22.Bb4+ Kf7 23.Nc3 Bd2 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Qxb5 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Be4 27.f3 Bxf3 28.Qf1 Qxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Bd5 30.Rf5 Bxa2 31.Kf2 Bb3 32.Rc5 g5 33.d5 h5 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.d6 Lehikoinen,P (2470)-Szewczyk,G (2395) corr 1991 1-0 (40)]



Black has compensation. This bishop pair is nice. **21.Qf3**
[Not 21.Qxa6? Qg4! 22.Qb7 *(22.Bxf4? Re1+ 23.Kg2 Qh3+ 24.Kf3 Bg4#)* 22...Qd1+ 23.Kg2 Bf5 24.Bxf4 *(24.Qxb5 Be4+ 25.Kh3 Rb8)* 24...Be4+ 25.Qxe4 Rxe4-+]
[21.Qg2 Qf5]
21...Bg5N
[21...h6 22.Be3 Bf5 23.Nd2 Bg4 24.Qxf4 0-1 (24) Binder,T-Rosner,D www.desc-online.de 1999 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 6 Old (30s)]]
22.b3? -2.50/24
[22.a4⩲ -0.63/22 bxa4 23.c4]

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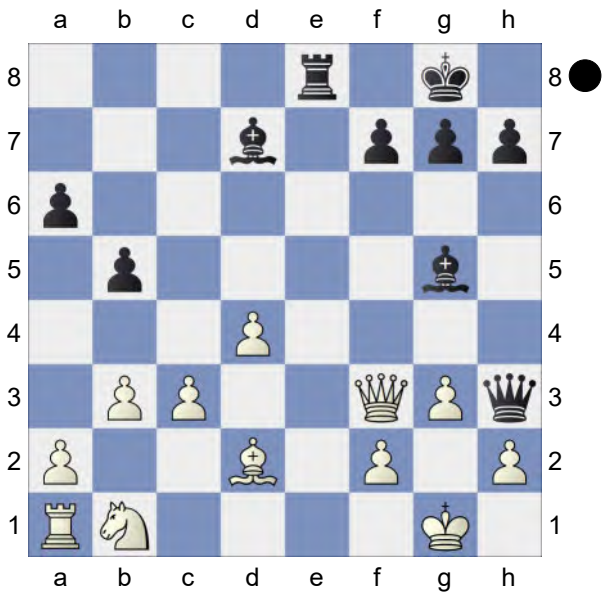
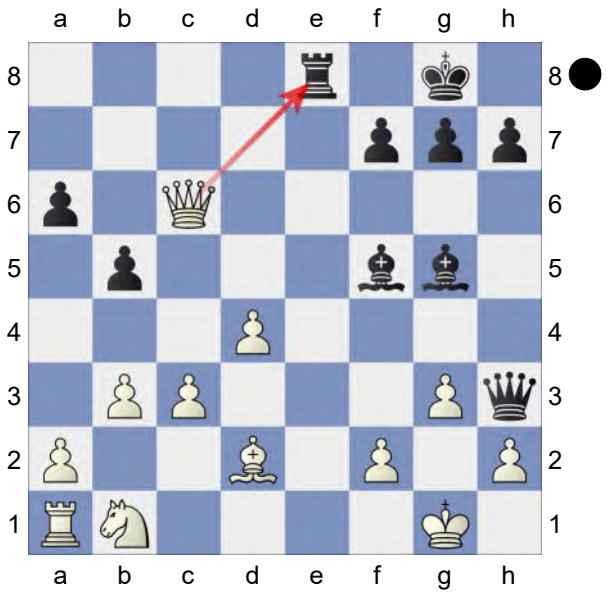
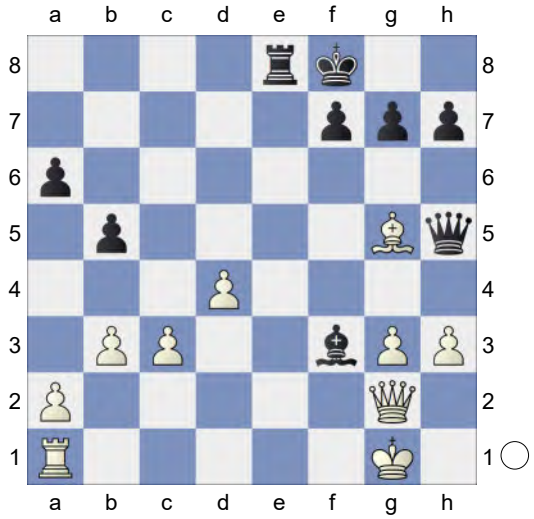


22...Bf5!-+ Threatens to win with ...Be4.
23.Qc6
[23.Qg2 Qh5]

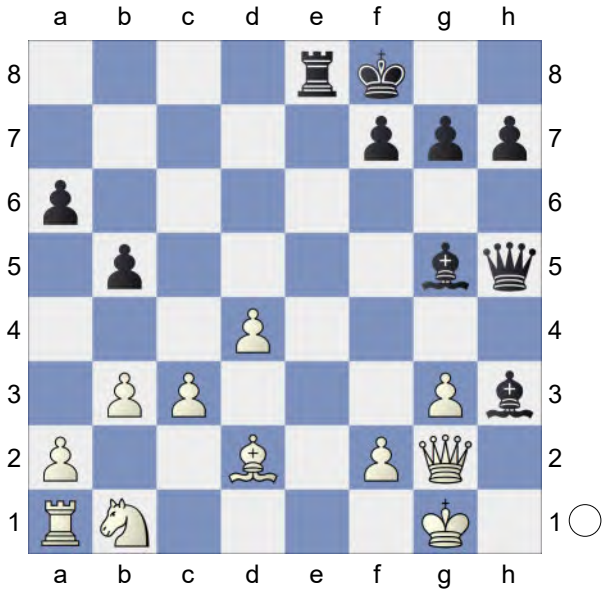


23...Kf8 24.Qg2
[24.Qc5+ Be7]
24...Qh5 Strongly threatening ...Bh3.
25.h3 Bxh3
[Inferior is 25...Bxb1 26.Bxg5
(26.g4? Qg6-+) 26...Be4 27.f3 Bxf3

(Diagram)



28.g4! Bxg2 29.gxh5 Bxh3 30.Kf2=]



26.Qh1 h6 27.c4 Kg8 28.Bc3 Re2 29.Na3

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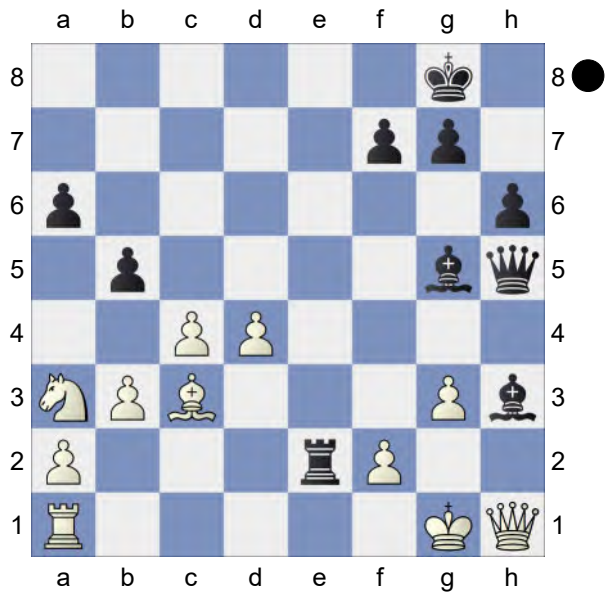
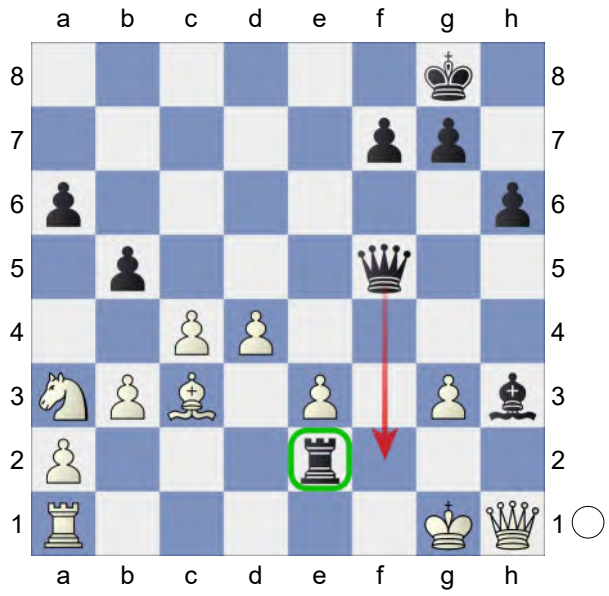


Be3! 30.fxe3
[30.Be1 Bxd4]
30...Qf5



31.Qh2 Prevents Qf2+. **31...Rxh2 32.Kxh2 Bg4 33.Rg1 Qh5+ 34.Kg2 Bf3+ 35.Kf2 Be4**

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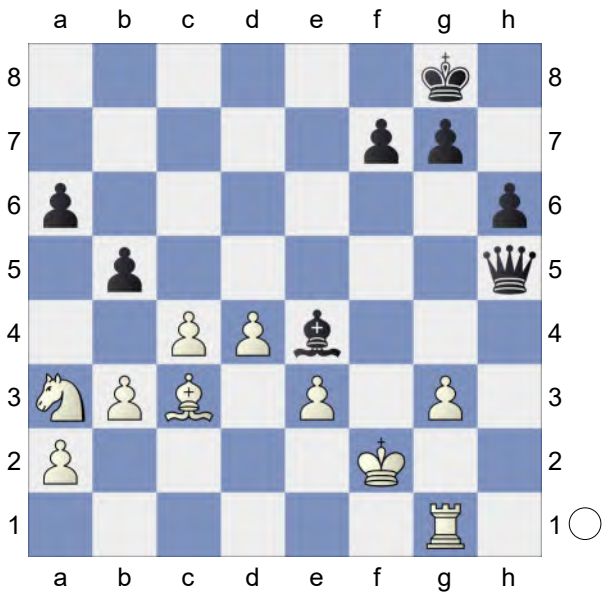
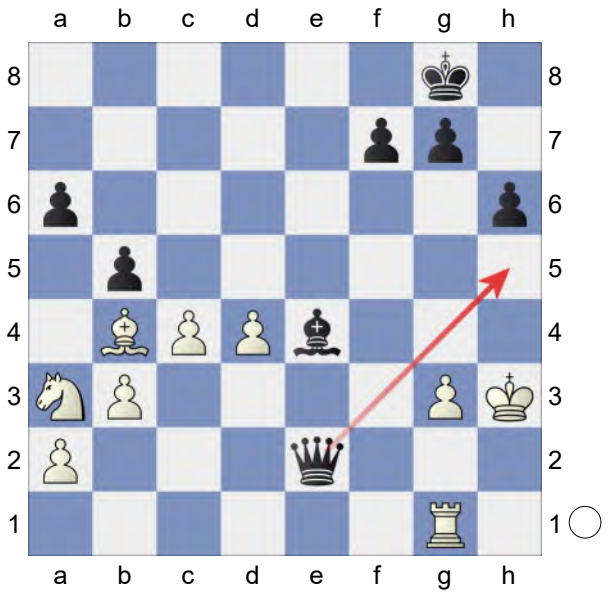
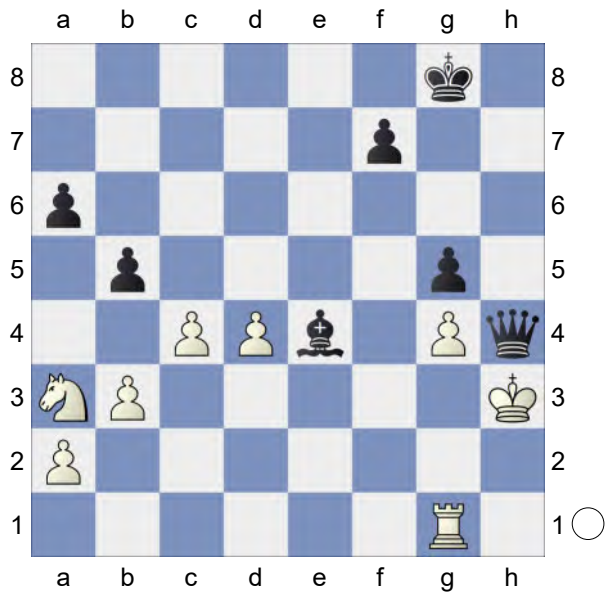


(-> ...Qh2+) **36.Ke1 Qf3 37.Bb4 Qxe3+ 38.Kf1 Bd3+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Be4**



Black mates. **41.Be7 g5 42.Bxg5 hxg5 43.g4 Qf3+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+ 45.Kh3 Qh4#**

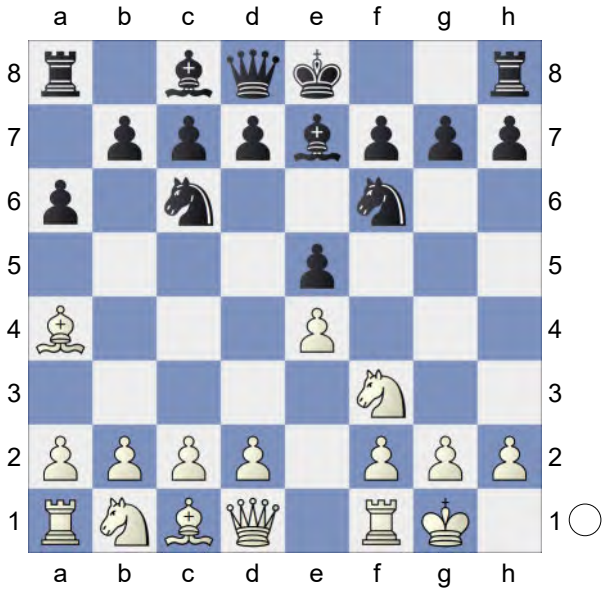
(Diagram)



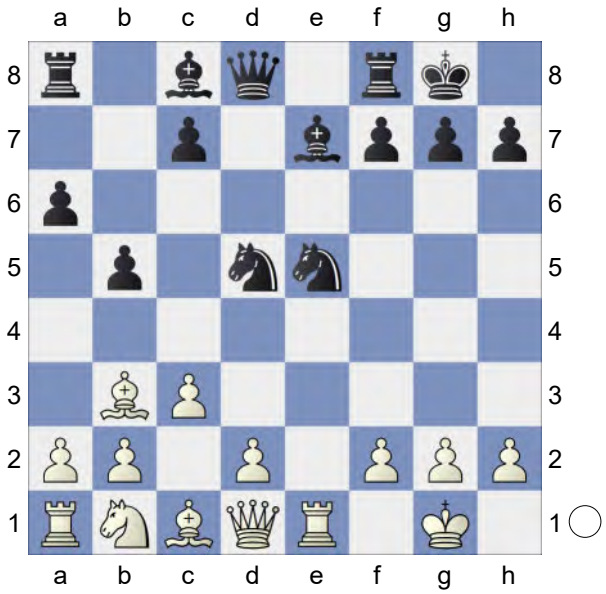
White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

10 **C89**
□ **bot64jaques** **2562**
■ **ArasanX** **3023**
Rapid 10.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

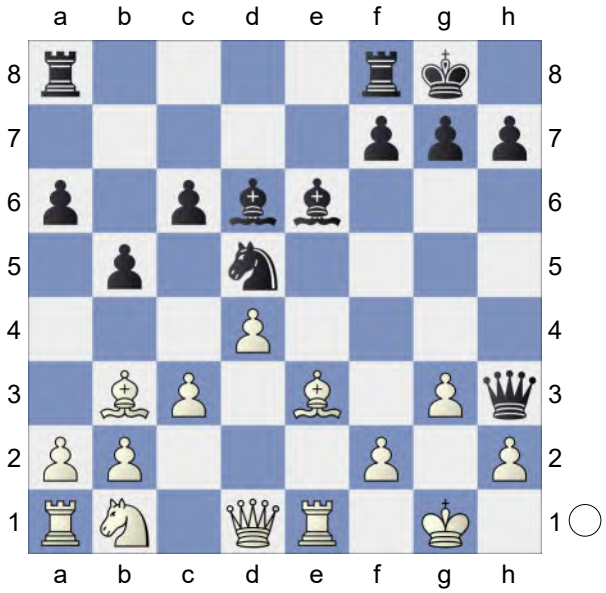
Rapid 15min+3sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Inf 55/(344) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

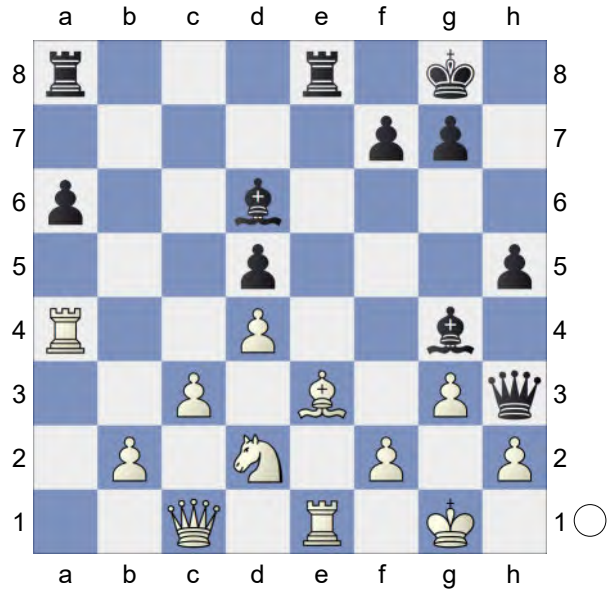


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4
14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Be6
[15...Bg4!? 16.Qd3 *(16.f3? Bxg3 17.Qd2 Bxf3-+)* 16...f5=]

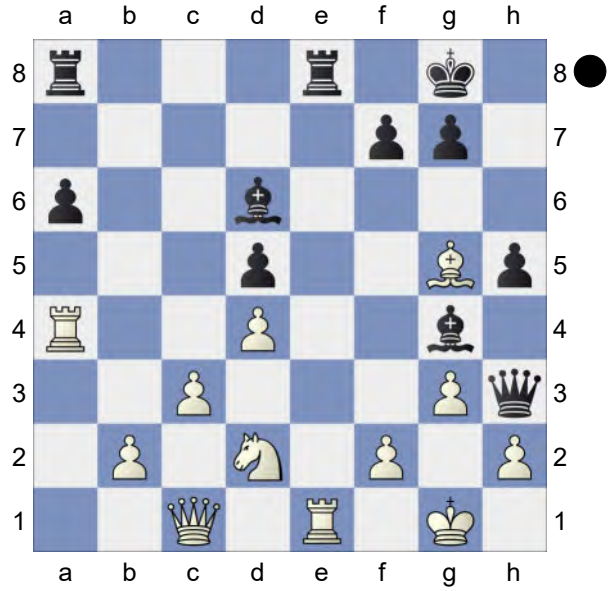


16.Nd2 Bg4
[16...Rae8 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qh6 20.Nf1 Nxf4 21.Bxe6+ Frolov,A (2510)-Yurtaev,L (2540) Helsinki 1992 CI1-130 [Frolov,Artur]]
17.Qc1N
[17.Qb1 f5 18.f4 g5 19.Qc2 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Kh8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Nf1 Rg8 24.Ng3 Bf3 25.Qf2 Rxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Rg8 27.Re8 Qxg3+ 28.hxg3 Rxe8 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Re1 Re4 31.Re3 Kg7 Panchenko,F (2324)-Kalashikov 5.Nxc6 - 6.Bc4 #7 (2543) Reykjavik 2001 CBM 127 [Messa,R] 0-1 (31)]
[17.f3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qxg3+ ½-½ (18) Chiburdanidze,M (2520)-Grivas,E (2460) Karditsa 1995 CBM 122 [Grivas,Efstratios]]
17...Rfe8 And now ...Bxg3! would win. The position is equal. **18.Bxd5 cxd5→** Black has some attack. **19.a4** -0.84/21
[19.Qc2!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]
19...bxa4∓ &Nero is much more active.

20.Rxa4 -1.42/22
[20.Qb1∓ -0.61/19]
20...h5!

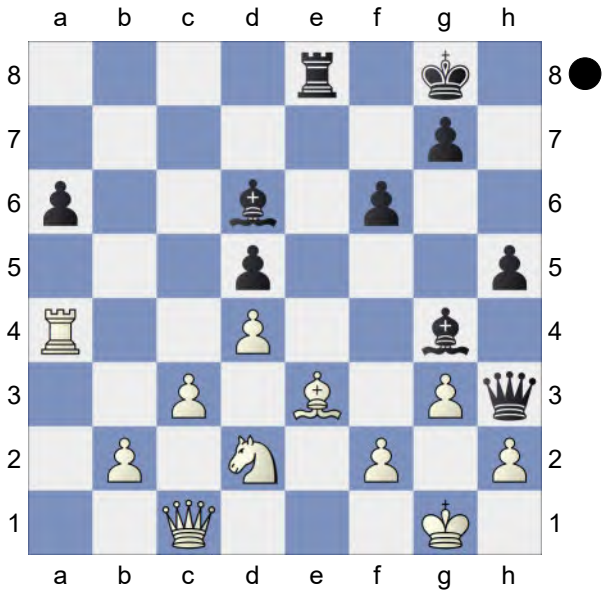


Hoping for ...h4. **21.Bg5**

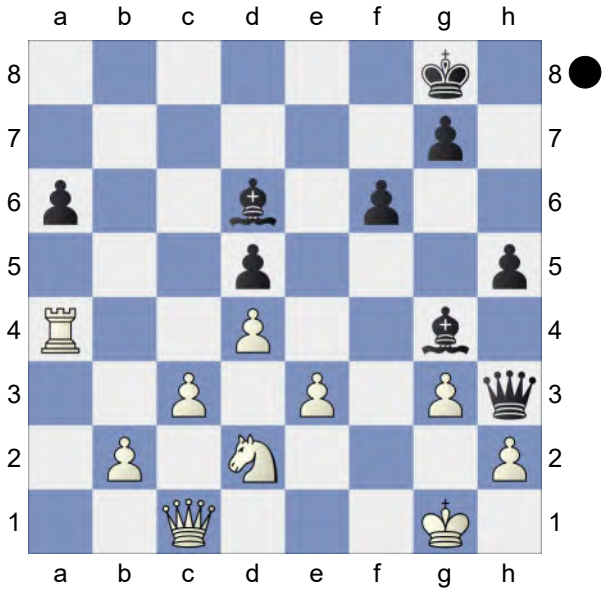


Prevents h4. **21...f6!** **22.Rxe8+?** -3.67/22
[22.Bh4∓ -1.30/19]
22...Rxe8-+ **23.Be3** -6.70/23
[⌓23.Rxa6 -4.38/23 fxg5 24.Qf1 *(24.Rxd6? Re2-+)*]

(Diagram)



23...Rxe3! **24.fxe3**
[24.Qf1 Re2]



24...Bxg3! Demolition **25.hxg3** **Qxg3+**

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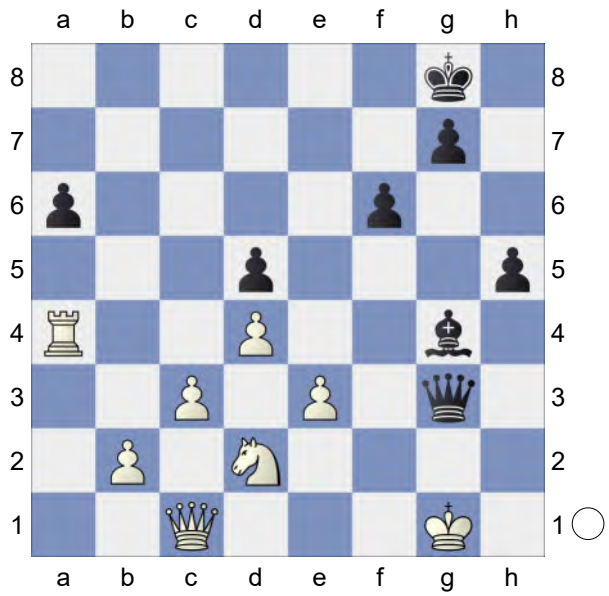
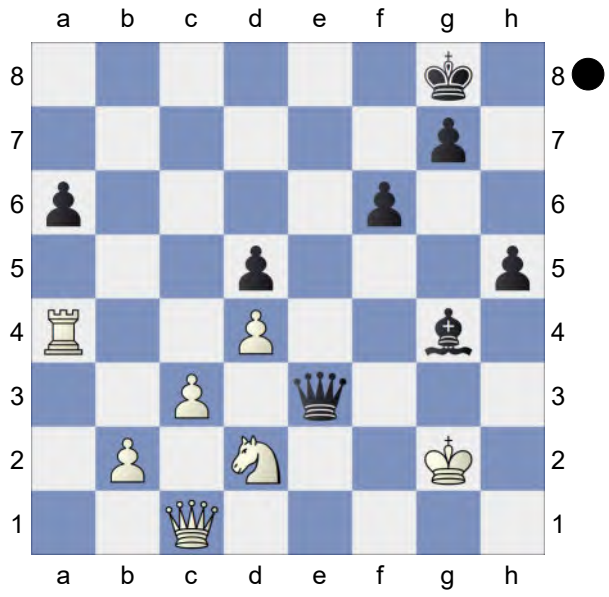


26.Kh1 Qh3+ -4.15/5
[⌓26...Qh4+ -11.14/26 27.Kg1 Bh3]
27.Kg1 Threatens to win with Qf1.
27...Qxe3+ 28.Kg2



Bf3+! 29.Nxf3 Qxc1 30.Rxa6
Endgame KQ-KRN **30...Qc2+**

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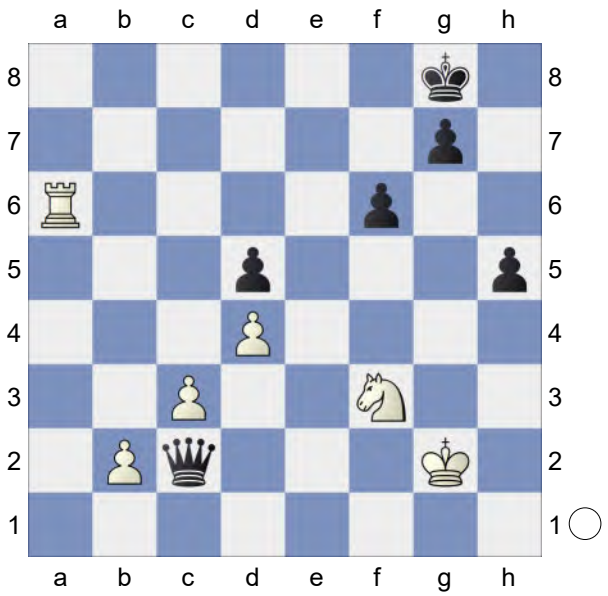
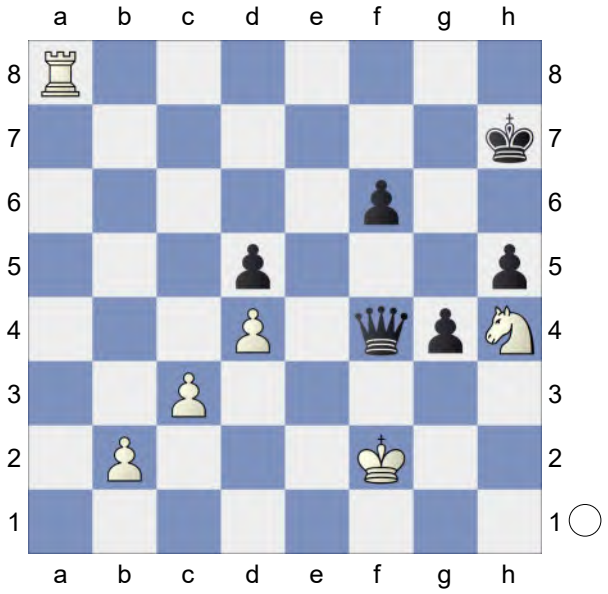


31.Kh1 Qe4 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.Kg2 g5
(-> ...g4) **34.Kf2 g4 35.Nh4 Qf4+**



36.Ke2 g3 37.Ra7+ Kh6 38.Ra1
Qxh4 KQ-KR **39.b4 Qe4+** Black mates.
40.Kd2 g2

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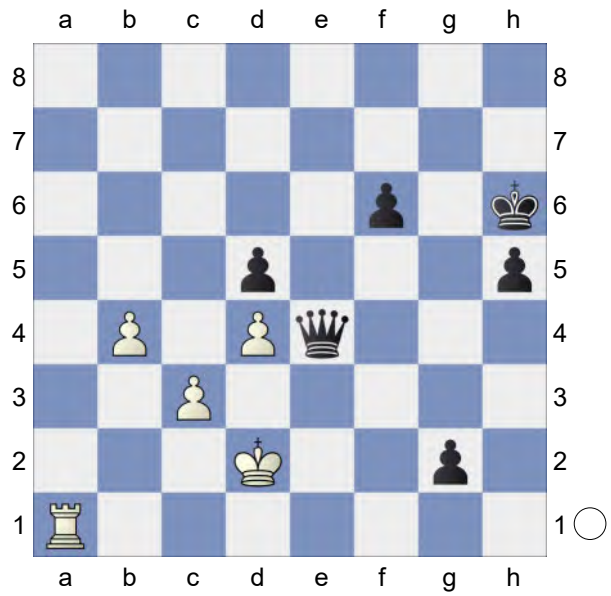
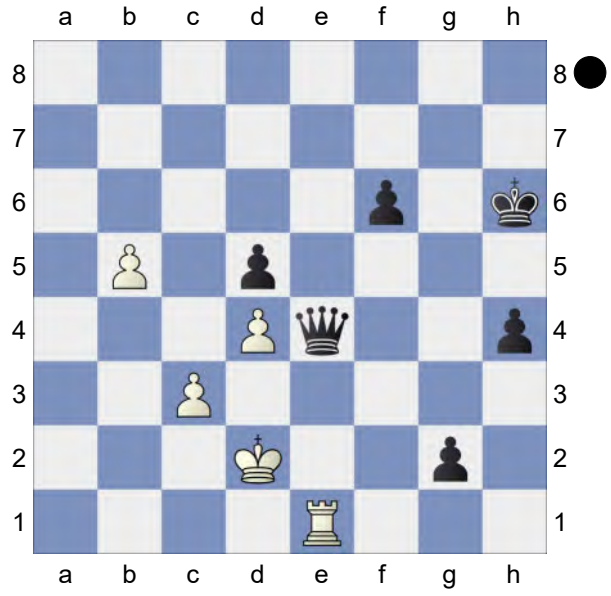


41.b5 h4 42.Re1



Qxe1+!! 43.Kxe1 g1Q+ 44.Ke2 h3 45.b6 h2

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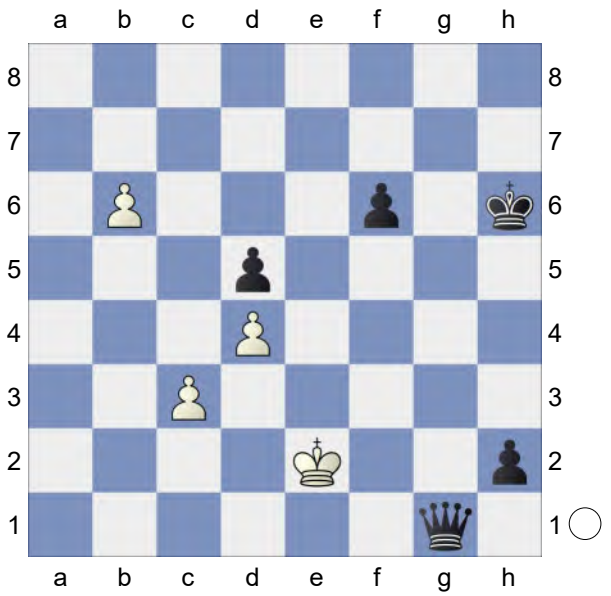
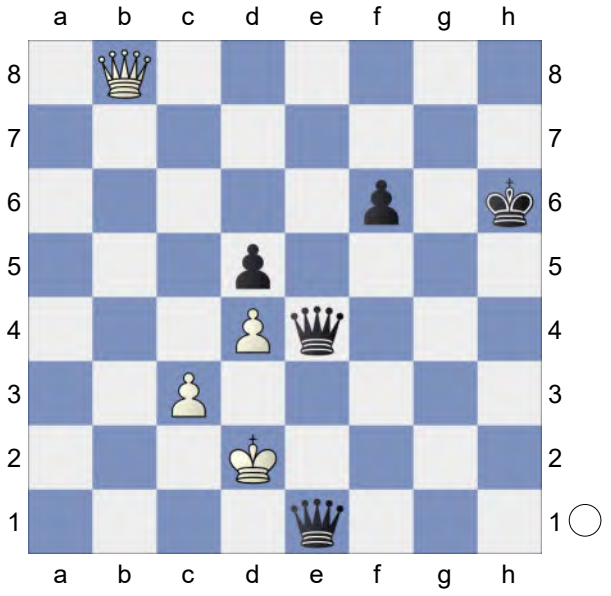


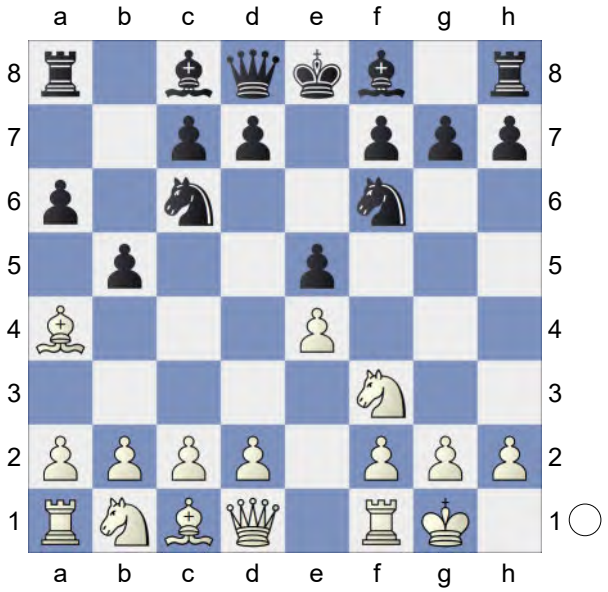
46.b7 h1Q 47.b8Q Qe4+ 48.Kd2 Qge1#



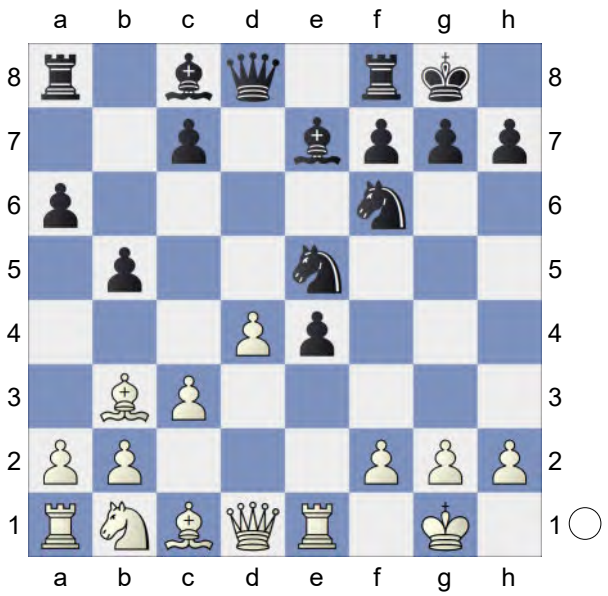
Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.35/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

11 **C89**
□ **CVRaman** **2604**
■ **RagingKnightNC** **2522**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5



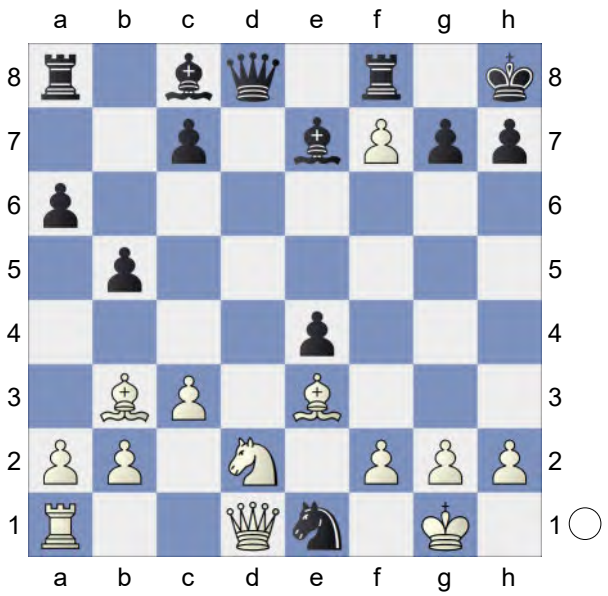
6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



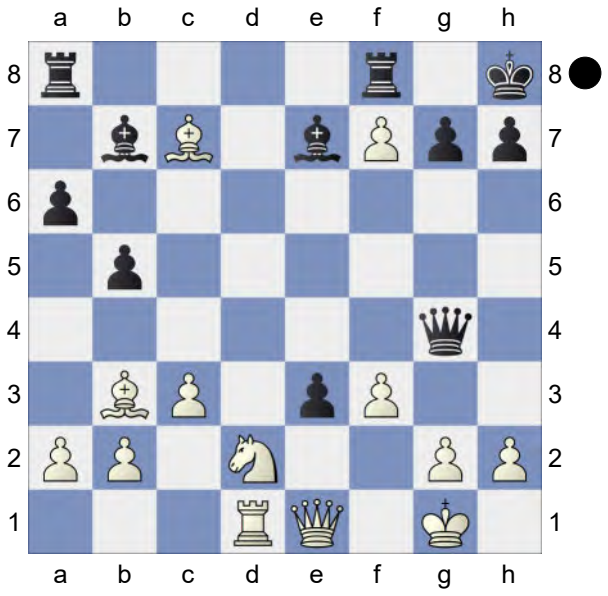
11.dxe5 Qxd8 is the strong threat.

11...Nd7N White is slightly better.
[11...Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 *(13.Rxe4 Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6 15.Rd2 Bg5 16.Rc2 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Nf4 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Ng6* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 13...Nxe5 *(13...Bb7 14.Nd2 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Rfe8 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bf4 f6* Antipov,M (2520)-14.♕h6 ♖c3 15.bc3 ♕c7 (2435) Göteborg 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Anil Kumar Anand] *)* 14.Bxe4 Ra7 *(14...Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline -- Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Bd7 17.Rd4 Bd6 18.Be3 Bc5 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Rh4+ Kg8 21.Bxc5 Nd3 22.Bxf8 Nxe1 23.Ba3 Rb7 24.Rb4 Rxb4 25.Bxb4 Nd3 26.Ba3 Filippov,L (2485)-Stoll,J (2092) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (60)]
12.e6 Nc5 0.83/20
[12...fxe6!± 0.37/21 13.Bxe6+ Kh8]
13.exf7+± Kh8 14.Be3 0.06/20 &Bianco is more active.
[14.Qxd8± 0.95/20 Rxd8 15.Bc2]
14...Nd3=
[Resist 14...Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Nxb3 16.axb3±]
15.Nd2↑ White is pushing. **15...Nxe1**

(Diagram)

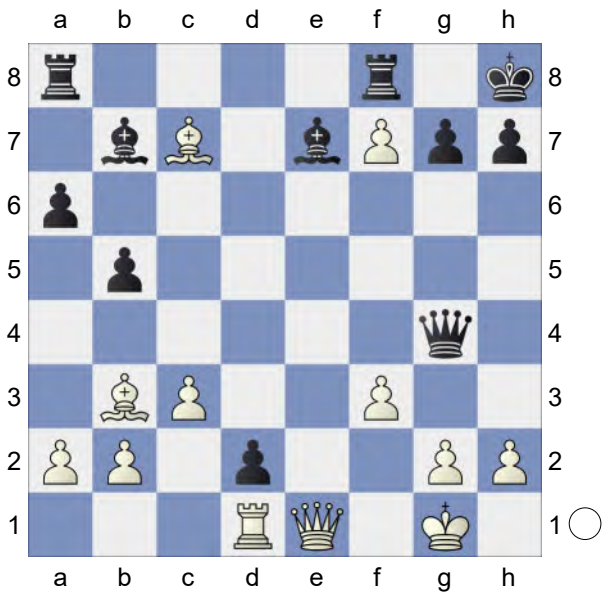


16.Qxe1 Bb7 17.Rd1 Black must now prevent Nxe4! **17...Qc8! 18.Bf4** -0.41/20
[18.f3= 0.01/19 was preferrable.]
18...Qg4 19.Bxc7 -1.31/20
[19.Bg3∓ -0.40/19]
19...e3!∓ 20.f3

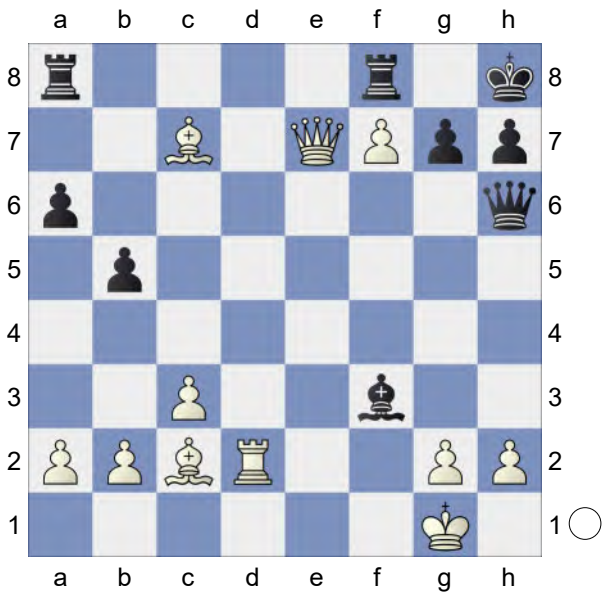


exd2?? 4.30/22

(Diagram)



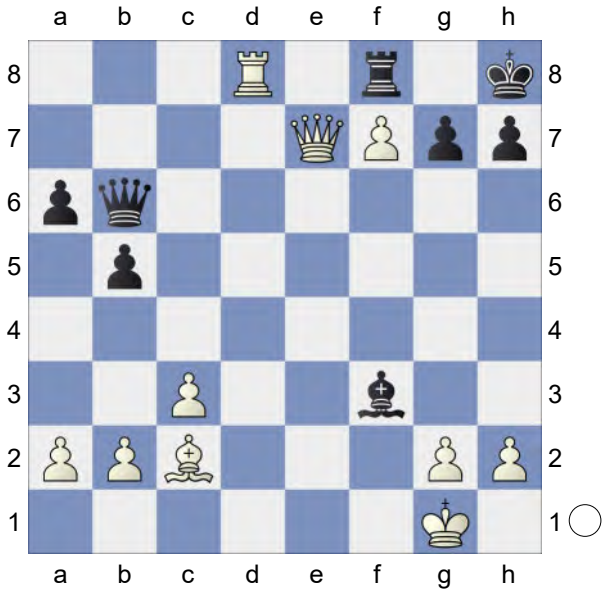
21.Qxe7+-
[21.fxg4? loses. dxe1N 22.Rxe1 Bc5+ 23.Kh1 a5-+]
21...Bxf3 22.Rxd2 Qg6 7.98/21
[⌓22...Qe4 4.30/23 23.Qxe4 Bxe4]
23.Bc2? -0.36/20 This bishop pair is nice.
[23.Bd8+- 7.98/21 Raxd8 24.Qxd8 Qxg2+ 25.Rxg2 Rxd8 26.Rf2]
23...Qh6? #10/20
[23...Qxf7∓ -0.36/20 24.Qxf7 Rxf7]



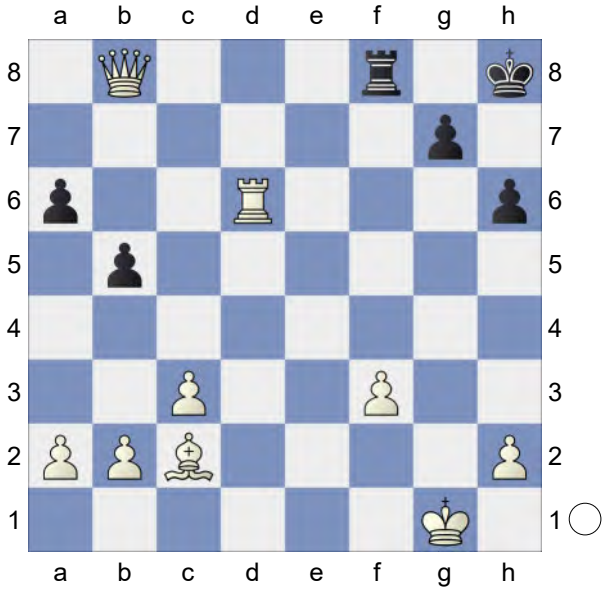
24.Bd8! Raxd8

[24...g6 25.Qe5+]

25.Rxd8 Qb6+



26.Rd4 Qb8 27.gxf3 White mates.
27...h6 28.Rd6 Qa7+ 29.Qxa7 Rxf7 30.Qb8+ Rf8



31.Qxf8#

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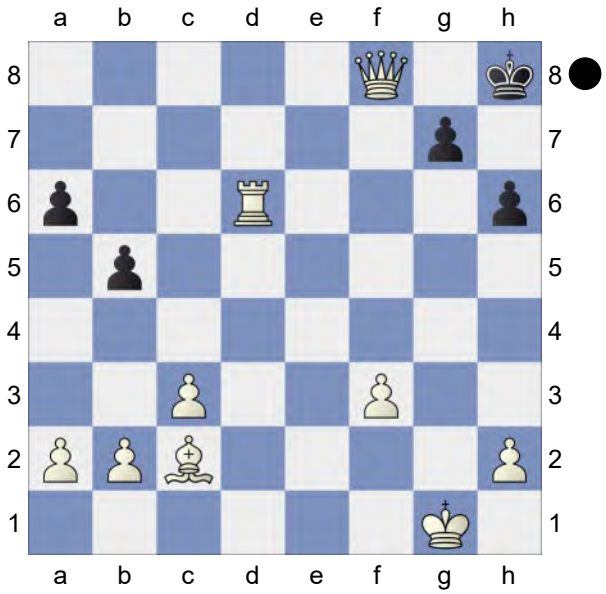

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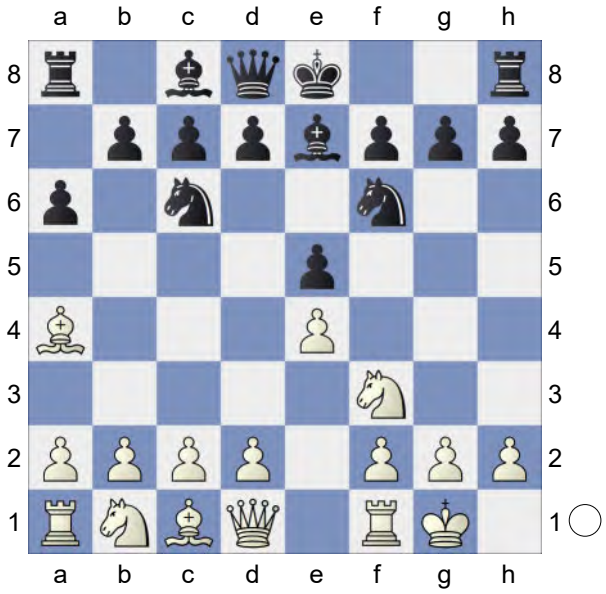
12 **C89**
□ **CVRaman** **2616**
■ **danylo03** **2642**
Rapid 06.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7
Ernest Kocem (Poland) later changed his name to Ernst Kotzem when he took German citizenship. We have filed all his other games under Kotzem but left the ones of the EU Team Ch as a cross-reference, because he represented Poland in that event. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 Nxe4 10.dxe5 Be6

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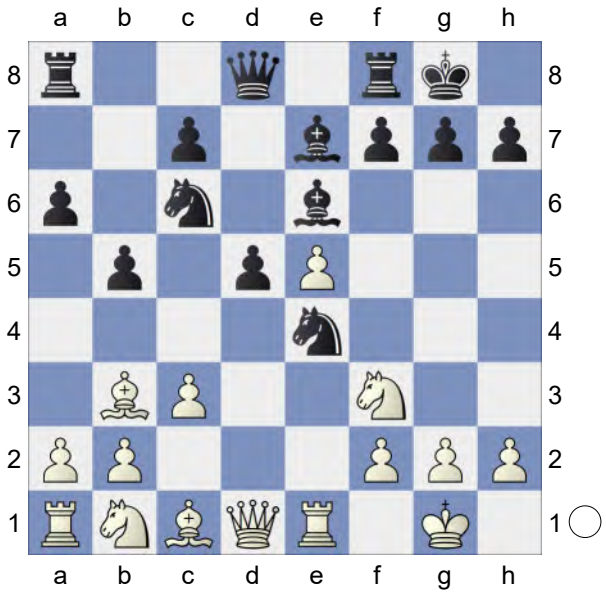
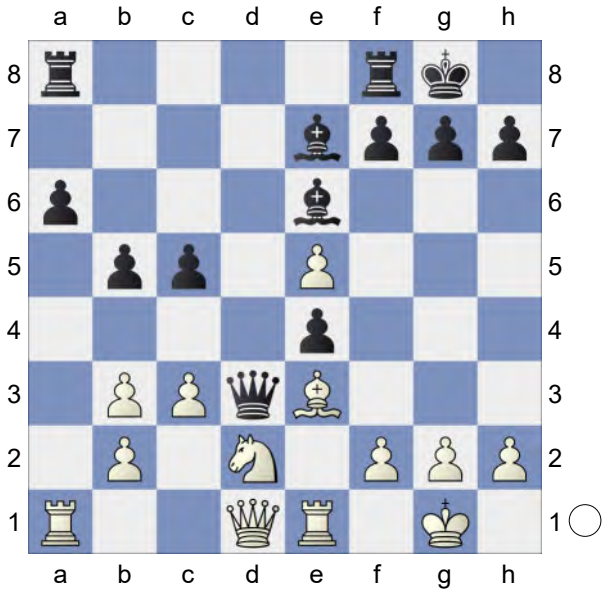
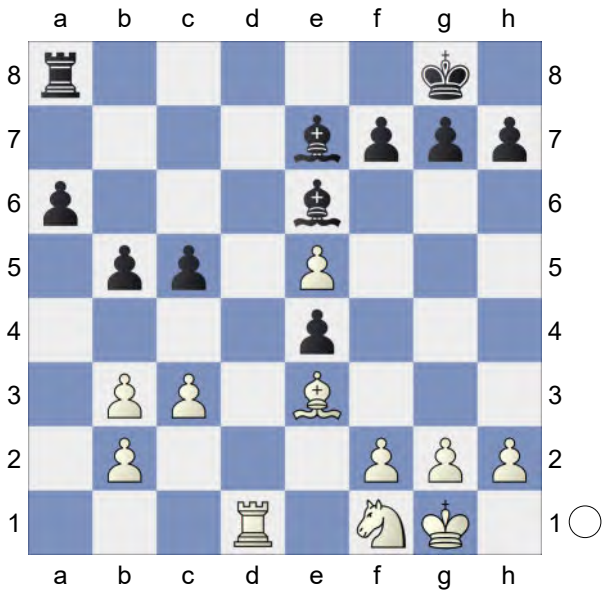


11.Be3N
[11.Nd4 Nxe5 *(11...Qe8 12.Bc2 Rd8 13.a4 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.f3 Nc5 16.b4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Na4 18.Bxa4 Ra8 19.Nc3 bxa4 20.Ba3 Qc6 21.Qd3 Qb7 22.b5 Bxa3 23.Rxa3 Rfb8 24.Rb1 g6 25.Rb4 c6 26.Nxa4* Wiech,G (2571)-Wohl,R (2686) Russian Women's Ch., Kazan 2001 Telechess CBM 89 [Sinka] 1-0 (58) *)* 12.f3 Bd6 13.fxe4 Bg4 14.Qc2 *(14.Qd2 Qh4 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Nxe1 18.Kxe1 dxe4 19.h3 Bg3+ 20.Kf1 Be6 21.Nd2 Bxb3 22.axb3 f5 23.b4 Be5 24.N2b3 f4 25.Bd2 h6 26.Be1 g5 27.Nc5 Bxd4 28.cxd4 e3* Wiech,G (2528)-4...Bf5 (2377) France 2007 URS-ch [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (40) *)* 14...c5 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.Bxd5 Qh4 17.Rf1 Ra6 18.Na3 Nf3+ 19.gxf3 Bh3 20.Rf2 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Rg6 22.Bg5 Qh5 23.Bh4 Bf4 24.Rg1 Rh6 0-1 (24) Djuric,L-Kotzem, E corr ICCF 1973 UltraCorr3a [Kocem]]
11...Na5 12.Nbd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 The position is equal. **13...c5**

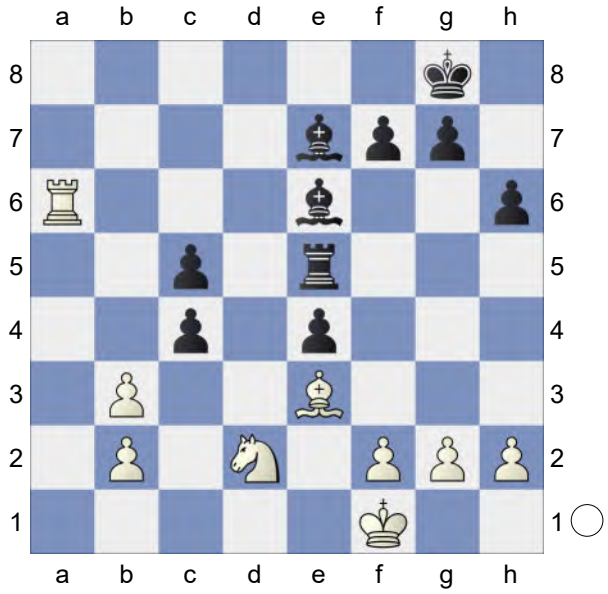
Prevents Nd4. **14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 Qd3**



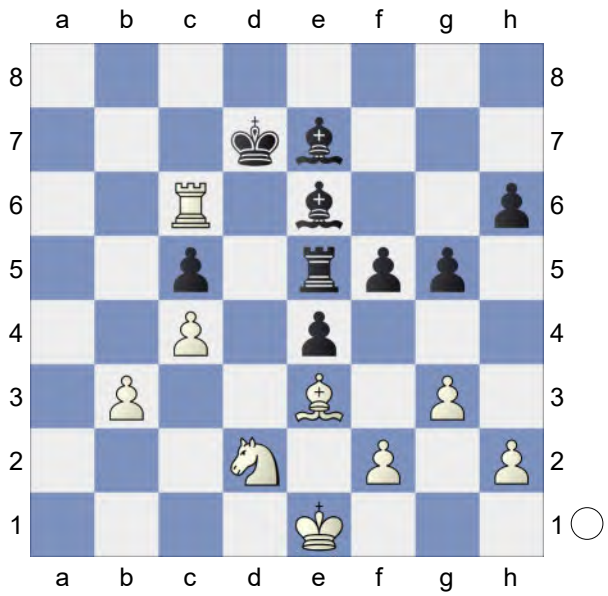
16.Qb1
[16.Bf4!?]
16...Bf5 17.Rd1 -0.39/19
[17.Qxd3= -0.01/19 feels stronger. exd3 18.Ra5]
17...Rfd8 18.Nf1 Qxd1 19.Qxd1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Be6



21.Nd2 Rd8 0.88/22
[21...Bd5= -0.01/22]
22.Ra1± Rd5 23.Rxa6 Hoping for Ra8+. **23...h6 24.Kf1** 0.48/22
[24.c4± 1.25/23 bxc4 25.bxc4 Rxe5 26.Ra5]
24...Rxe5± 25.c4 bxc4

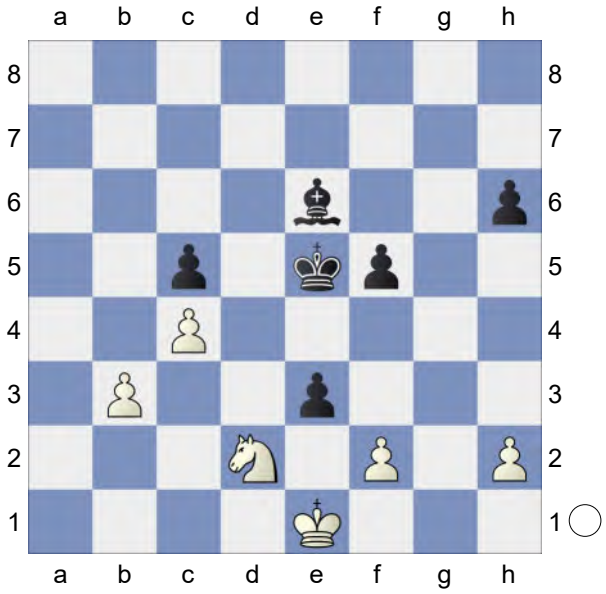


26.bxc4 g5 27.Rc6 f5 ...f4 is the strong threat. **28.g3** Prevents f4. And now b4! would win.
[28.b4 is more complex. f4 29.Bxc5 e3 30.fxe3 fxe3 31.Nf3]
28...Kf7 0.84/23
[28...Bf8= 0.30/21 keeps the balance.]
29.Ke1!± Ke8 30.b3 Kd7

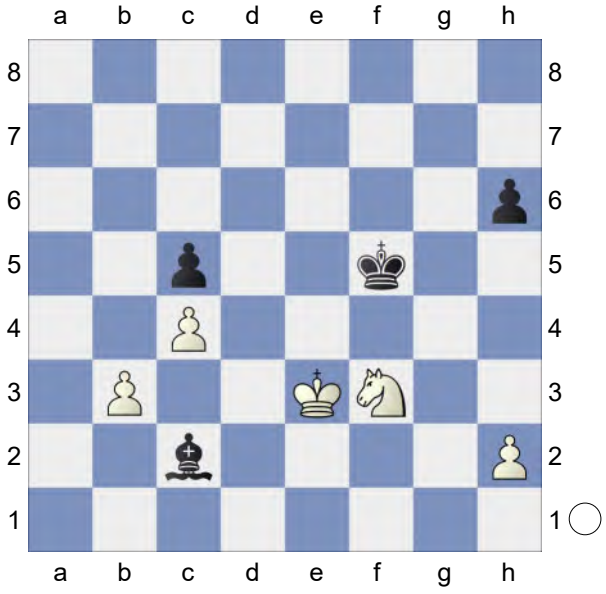


31.Ra6 Bd6 32.Bf4 0.00/25 **gxf4**

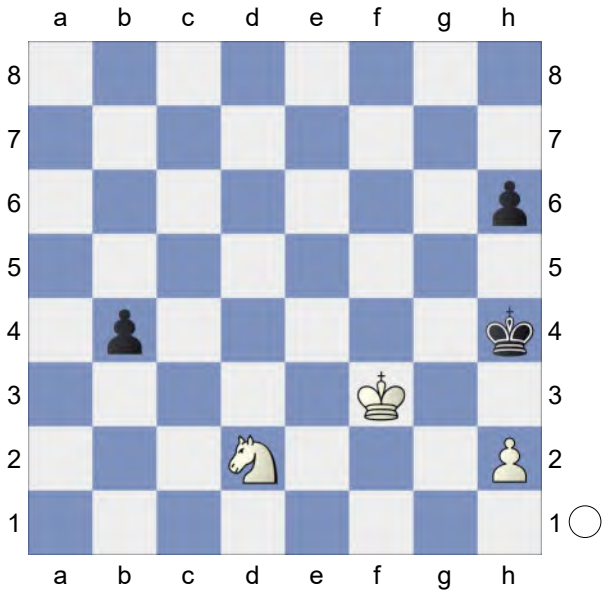
33.gxf4 e3 34.Rxd6+ Kxd6 35.fxe5+ Kxe5



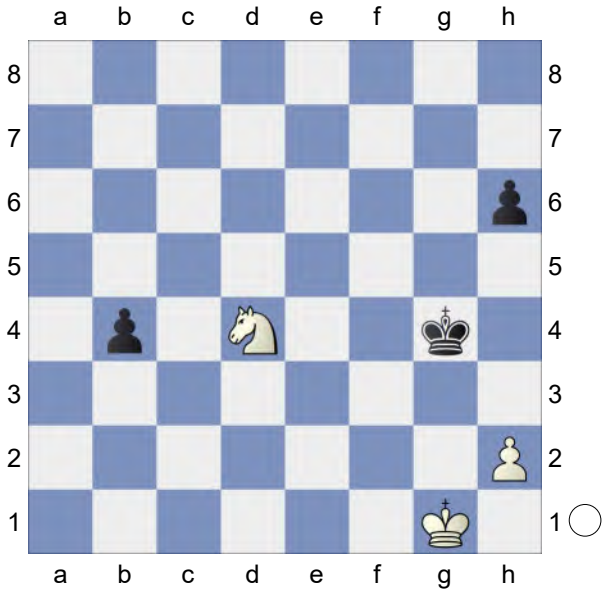
36.fxe3∓ Endgame KB-KN **36...f4 37.Kf2 Bf5 38.Kf3 fxe3 39.Kxe3 Bc2 40.Nf3+ Kf5?** 4.97/31
[40...Kd6= 0.00/28]



White leaves nothing to chance now. **41.b4!+- Bb3 42.Nd2 Bxc4 43.Nxc4** Intending b5 and mate. **43...cxb4** KN-KPP **44.Kf3** Black must now prevent Na5. **44...Kg5 45.Nd2 Kh4**
(Diagram)

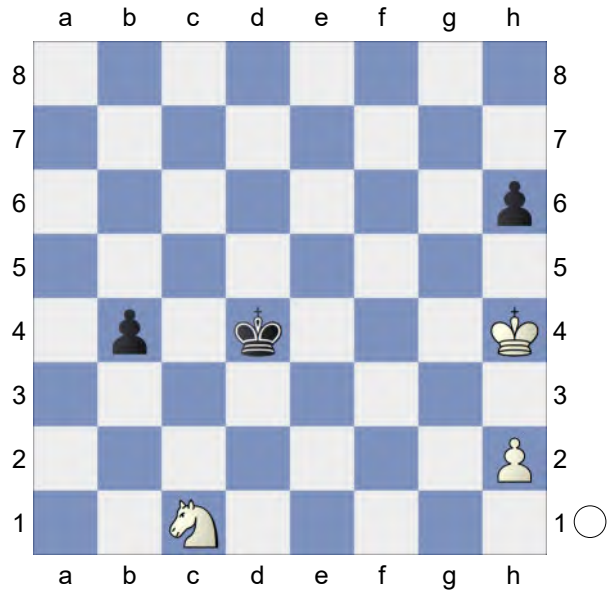


46.Kg2 Kg4 47.Nb3 Kf4 48.Kf2 Kg4 49.Nd4 Kh3 50.Kg1 Kg4

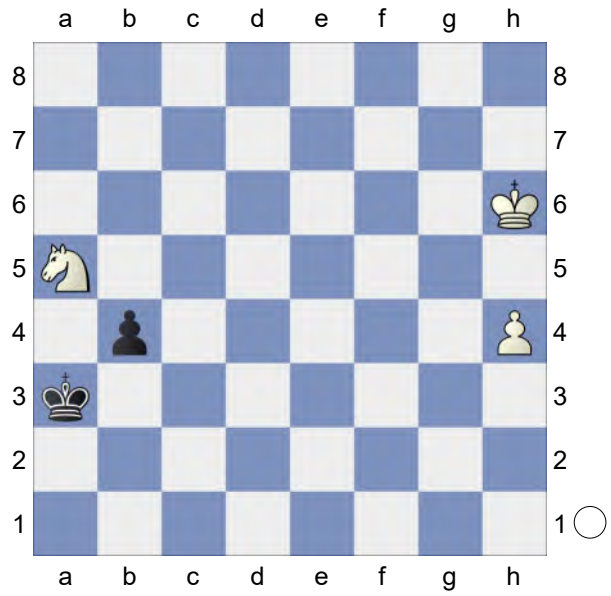


51.Kg2 Kf4 52.Kh3 Ke4 53.Nb3 Kd3 54.Kh4 Kc4 55.Nc1 White wants to mate with Kh5. **55...Kd4**

(Diagram)



56.Kh5 Ke3 57.Kxh6 KN-KP **57...Kd2 58.Nb3+ Kc3 59.Na5 Kb2 60.h4 Ka3**



61.h5 Ka4 62.Nc4 b3 63.Kg7 10.32/28 [⌓63.Kg5 #15/27 Kb4 64.Nd2 b2 65.h6 Kc3 66.Nb1+ Kc2 67.h7! Kxb1 68.h8Q] **63...Kb4 64.Nb2** White threatens Nd1 and mate. **64...Kc3**

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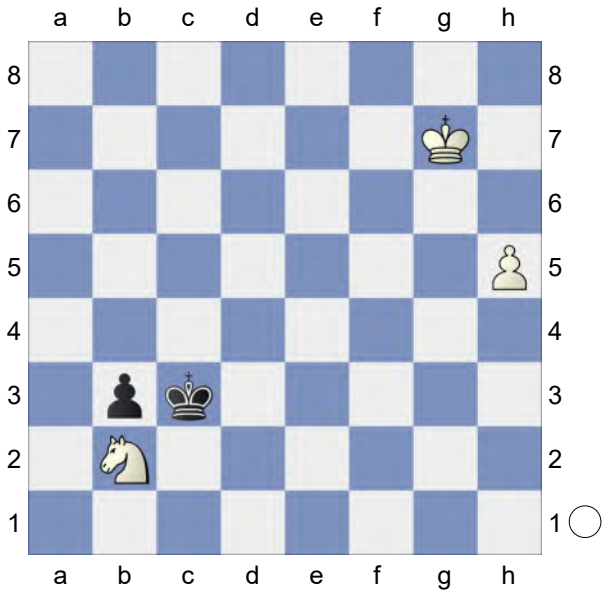
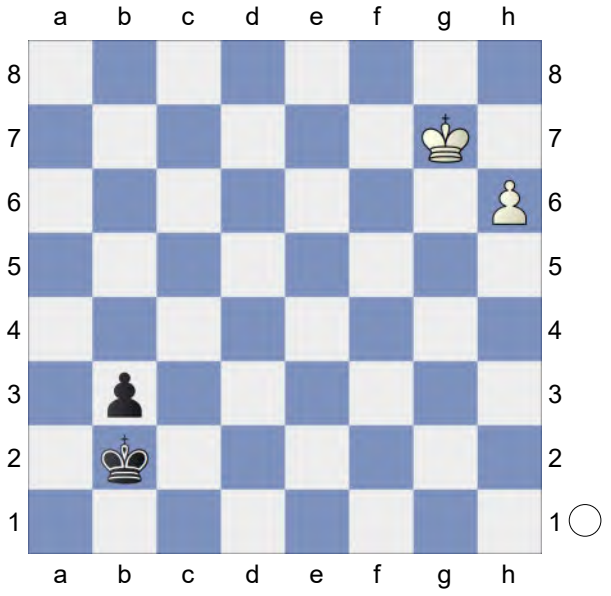


65.h6! Kxb2



KP-KP **66.h7 Kc2 67.h8Q b2 68.Qc8+ Kd2 69.Qb7 Kc1 70.Qc6+ Kd2**

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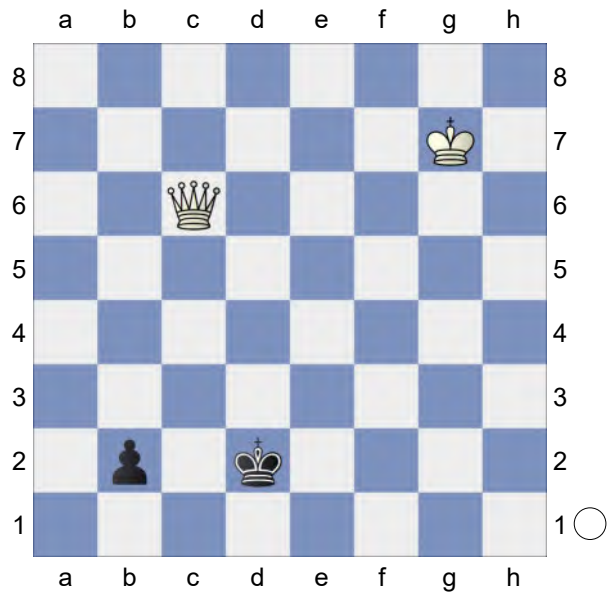
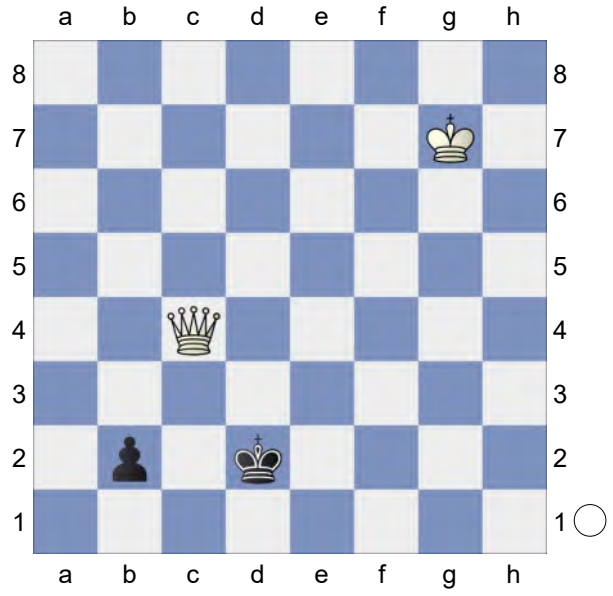


71.Qb5 Kc1 72.Qc4+ Kd2



73.Qb3! Kc1 74.Qc3+ Kb1 75.Kf6 Ka2

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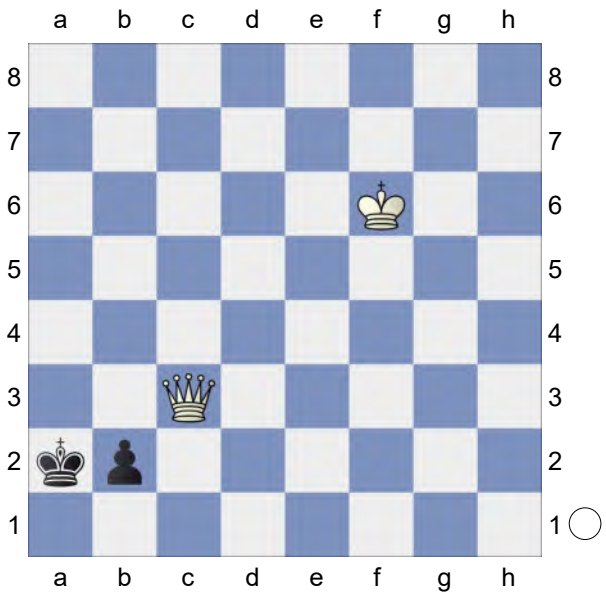
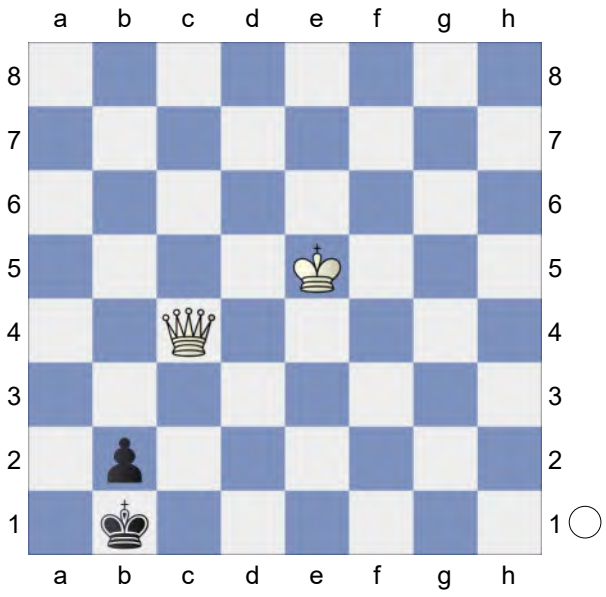


76.Qa5+ Kb3 77.Qb5+ Ka2 78.Qa4+ Kb1 79.Ke5 Kd4 would kill now.
79...Kc1 80.Qc4+ White mates.
80...Kb1



81.Kd4 Ka1 82.Qa4+ Kb1 83.Kc3 Kc1 84.Qc2#

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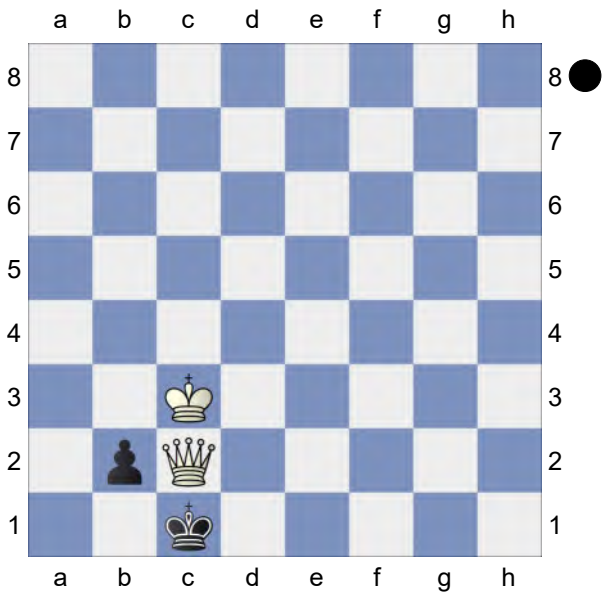

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13 **C89**
□ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2683**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2649**
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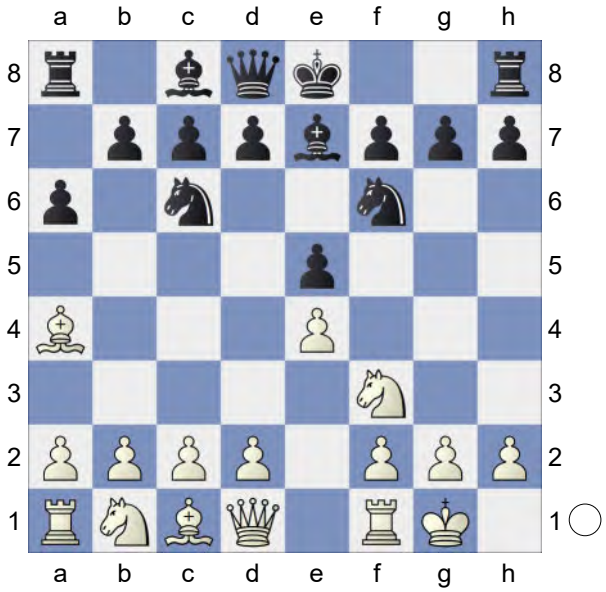
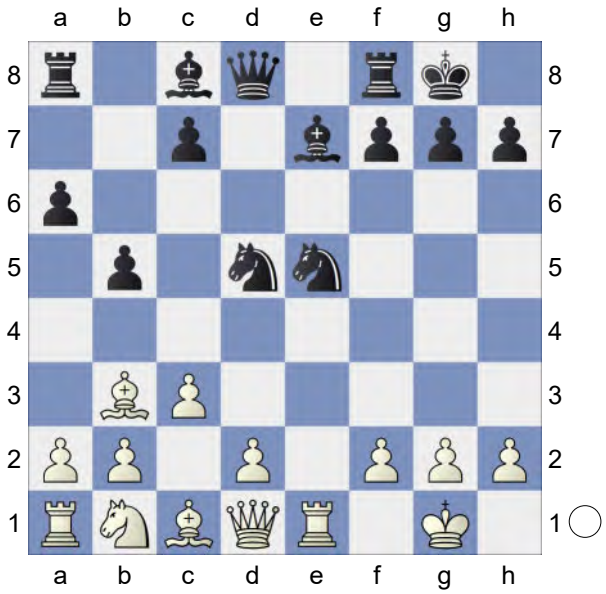
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

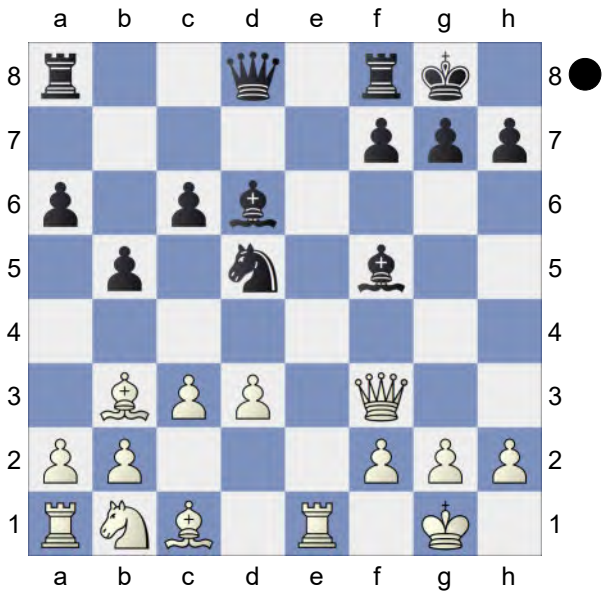


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

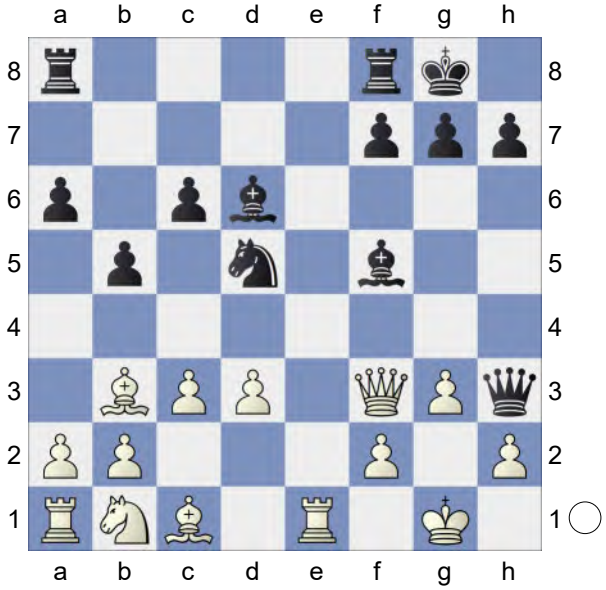


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!

The main line 13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.Die Hauptvariante 13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3**
[14.Nd2!?]

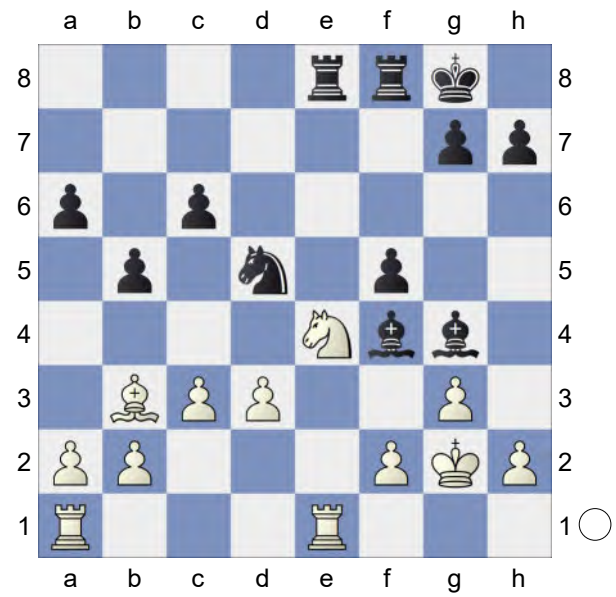


14...Qh4! 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3=)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

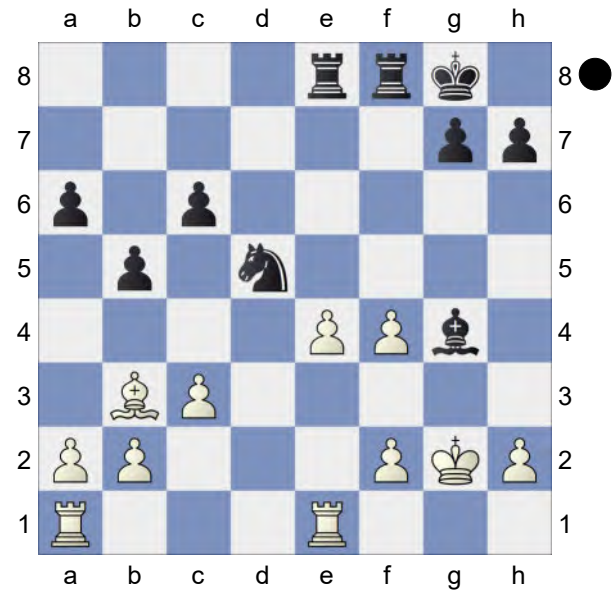


16.Nd2 Rae8! 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 aiming for h2-h3.
19...f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4
[But not 20...fxe4?! 21.Bxd6 Rf6

22.Bc5+- *(22.Rxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kf1 Bxe4∓)*]



21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4



Pin **22...Bf3+!** Decoy **23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4**

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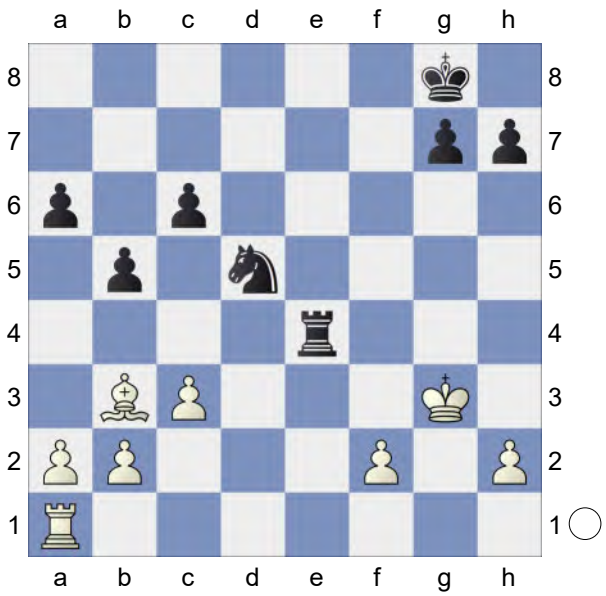


26.Kf3N

[26.f3

A) 26...Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1 Rg5+ *(29...Kf8 30.Bxd5 Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2* Ruy Lopez Marshall-12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5_17 Survey 2011*)* 30.Kf2 Rh5 31.Bb3 a4 32.Bxa4 Rxh2+ 33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Bb3 Kf8 35.Rxc6 Nb4 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Ra8 g5 38.Ra7+ Kf6 39.Rf7+ Ke5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Re6+ ½-½ Coll Sola,J (2626)-9.00 ♘bd7 10.b3_67550 (2670) (ch) 87/426 United States 2003 (11.1);

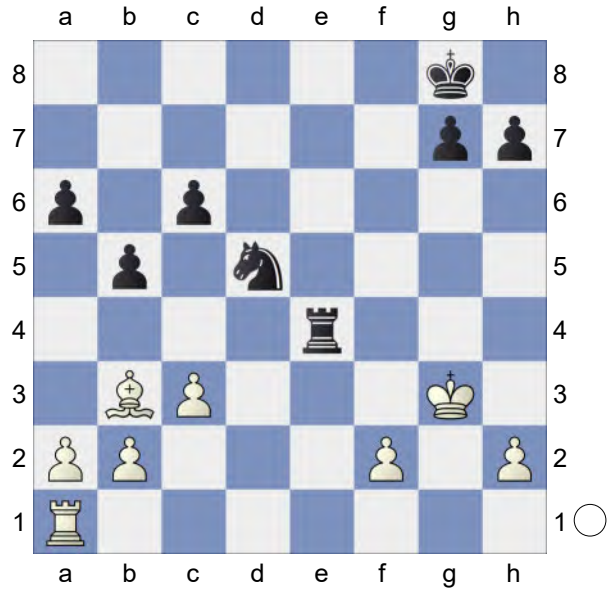
B) 26...Re2 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxb2 29.Bxa6 g5 30.a4 Kg7! 31.h4 Kf6 32.Bf1 Ne3 0.44/24 *(32...gxh4+=* 0.01/24 *33.Kxh4 Ne3)* 33.Bd3 -0.01/24 *(33.hxg5+±* 0.44/24 *Kxg5 34.Bh3)* 33...Nf5+ 0.76/25 *(33...Rg2+=* -0.01/24 keeps the balance. *34.Kh3 Ke5)* 34.Bxf5± Kxf5 35.hxg5 Kxg5 36.Rc1 ½-½ Deac,B (2690)-Sargsyan,S (2637) Bucharest Grand Prix op rapid 2024 (9)]

[Vorgänger: 26.a4 Re2! 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bxd5+ cxd5 29.Rd1 Rxb2 30.Rxd5 Rb3 31.f3 *(31.Kg4 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8 36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Rf6 41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Rf5 43.Ra6+ Rf6 44.Ra5 Rf5 45.Ra6+ Rf6* ½-½ Osnos,V (2768)-Molina,R (2859) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (4.210) *)* 31...Rxc3 32.Rxb5 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2750)-Artemiev,V (2711) Moscow Chess Stars 3.0 Rapid 2023 (5)]

26...Rf4+ 27.Kg3 Hoping for Bb3xd5+.

27...Re4! 28.Kf3 Rf4+ 29.Kg3 Black must now prevent Bb3xd5+.

29...Re4



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14 **C89**
□ **DiamondDragon08** **2591**
■ **KLDD** **2547**
Blitz 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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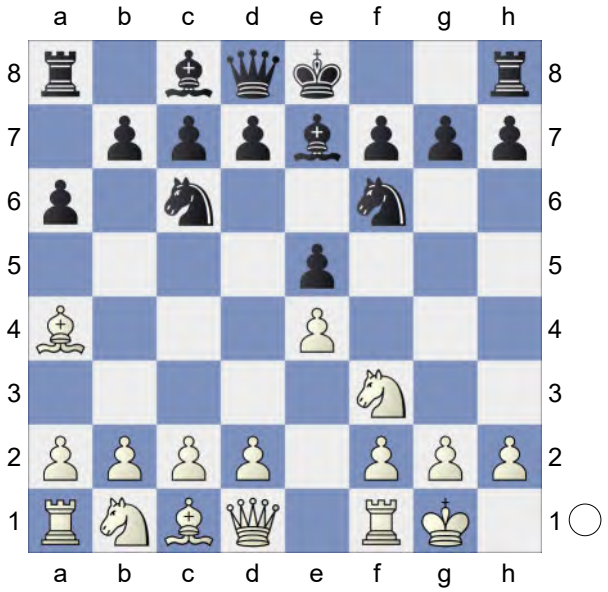
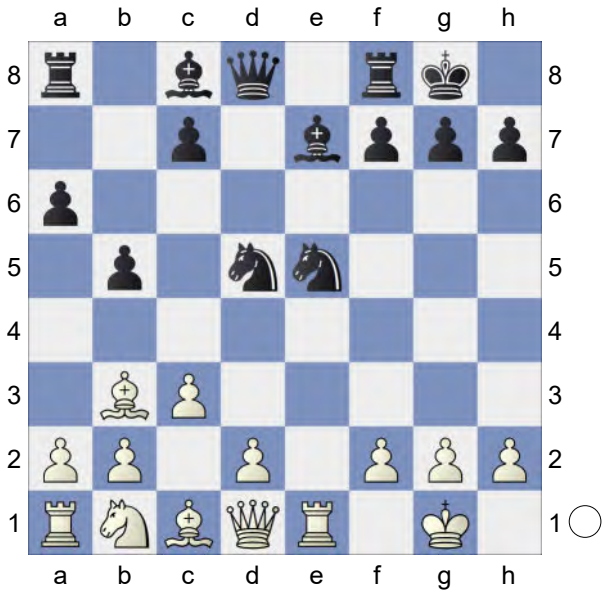
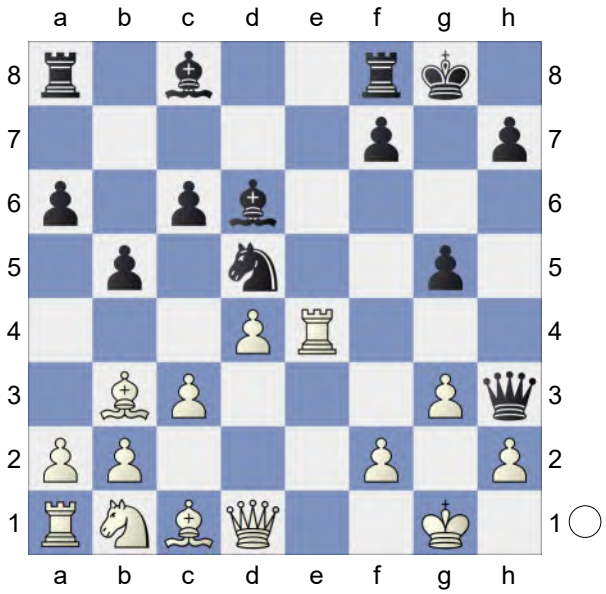


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4
14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



16.Nd2
[Weaker is 16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Bf5 0.58/18
[16...f5= 0.18/20 17.Re3 Kh8 *(17...Ra7 18.Qf3 Kh8 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Nf1 Rg7* C 89/19 *)* 18.Bxd5 cxd5]
17.Qf1N -0.12/19
[White should play 17.a4± 0.58/18]
[17.Bc2 Kh8 *(17...Nf6 18.Re2 Bxc2 19.Qxc2 Rae8 20.Nf3 h6 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bd2 Re4 23.Re1 Qe6 24.Rxe4 Nxe4 25.Bc1 c5 26.Be3 c4 27.b3 f5 28.Nd2 Nxd2 29.Bxd2 Kg7 30.bxc4 bxc4 31.Qb1 Qd5 32.Qb6* Simagin,V-Averbakh,Y Moscow 1948 1-0 (37) *)* 18.Bd3 Qh6 19.h4 f6 20.Qf3 Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Be7 22.Kg2 Qg7 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.Qh5 Rf5 25.Nc5 Nf6 26.Qe2 Rxc5 27.dxc5 Bxc5 28.Qe5 Bxf2 29.Bxg5 Ng4 30.Qe4 Rf8 31.Bf4 Nf6 Modern-Navara Jurmala 1955 ZUS C73 [News of the Week 22/1/1876; Harding] 1-0 (50) 32.Qf3 Ba7 33.Rh1 Rf7 34.Be5 Kg8 35.Rf1 Ng4

36.Bxg7 Rxf3 37.Rxf3 Kxg7 38.Be4 Ne3+ 39.Kh3 Nd1 40.Bxc6 Nxb2 41.Bb7 a5 42.Rf5 Na4 43.Rxb5 Nxc3 44.Rxa5 Bb6 45.Ra6 Bf2 46.Bc6 h6 Martinovsky,E-Milicevic,D corr 1955 UltraCorr3a [Martinovsky; Harding] 1-0 (50)]

17...Qh6 0.69/17

[17...Qxf1+= -0.12/19 18.Kxf1 Kg7]

18.Bc2 -0.04/18

[White should try 18.a4± 0.69/17]

18...Qg6 19.Qg2 -0.36/18

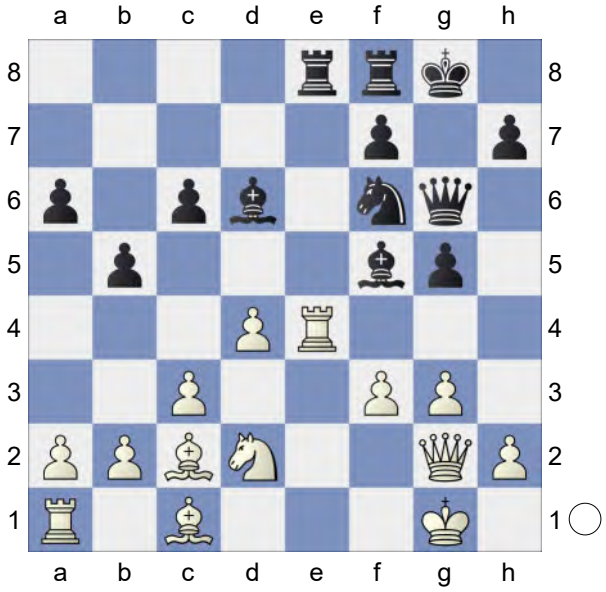
[19.Bd3= 0.07/17]

19...Nf6 0.08/20

[19...b4∓ -0.36/18 should be considered.]

20.f3 Rae8

[Don't play 20...Nxe4 21.fxe4 Bc8 22.Nf1±]



Pin **21.a4 g4 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.fxg4?** -3.69/21

[24.Qf2!∓ -0.40/18]

24...Re1+-+ 25.Nf1 Nxg4

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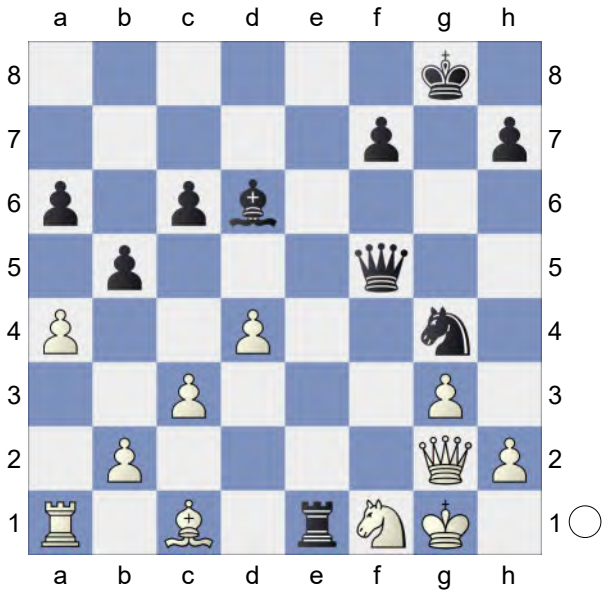

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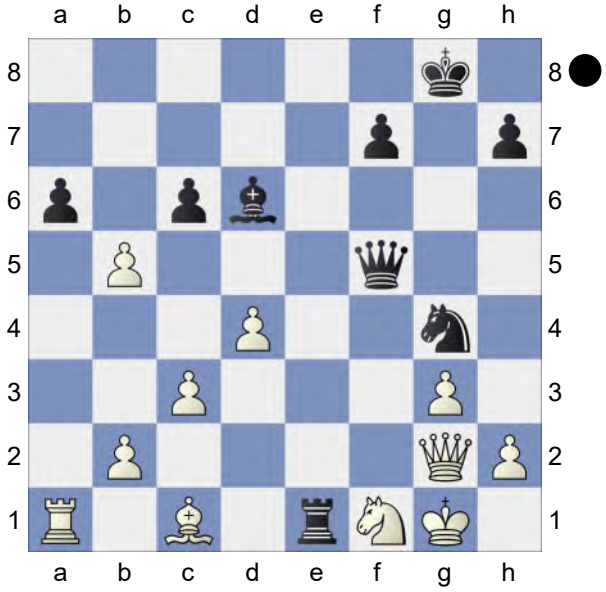

cxb5 2.52/21

[26...Nxh2!-+ -3.84/22 and life is good for Black. (-> ...Nf3+) 27.Bf4 *(27.Kxh2? Rxf1 28.Bf4 Rxa1-+)* 27...Rxa1 28.Qxh2 Bxf4 29.gxf4 Qg6+ 30.Qg2 axb5 31.Qxg6+ fxg6]

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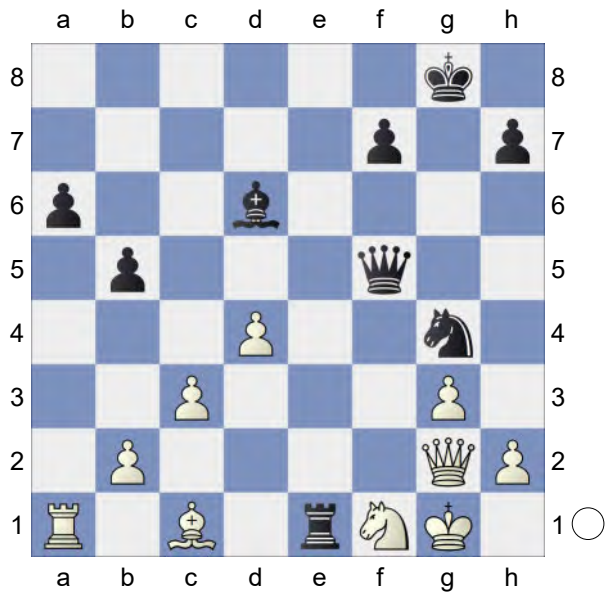
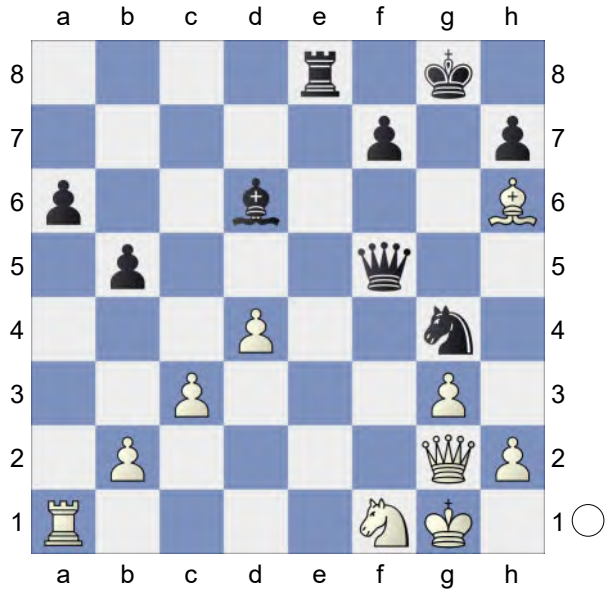


27.Bh6!+- The board is on fire. **27...Re8**



Inhibits Qa8. **28.Bf4** 0.57/23
[28.Rxa6!+- 2.13/20 Bf8 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.Qd2]
28...Bxf4± 29.gxf4 Kh8 30.Rxa6 Qxf4

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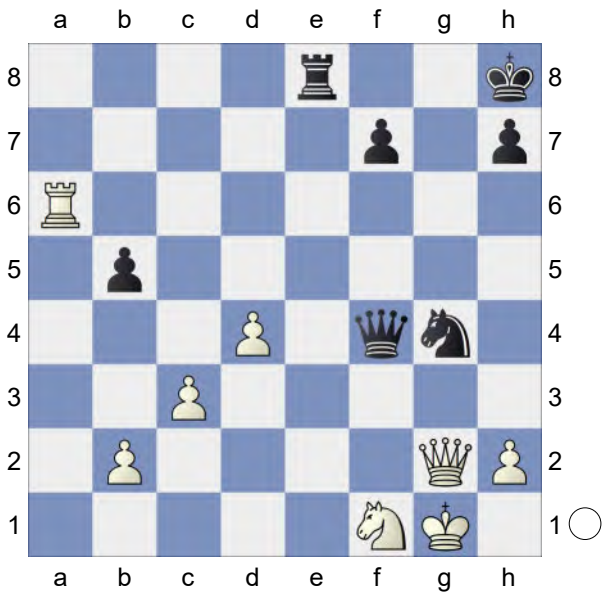
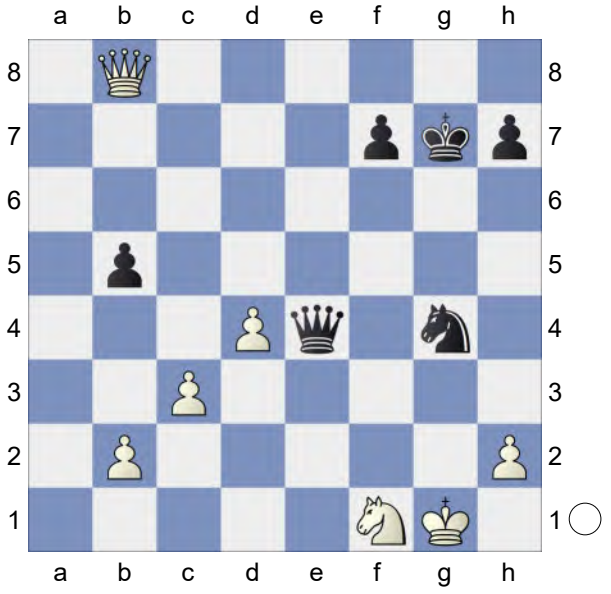
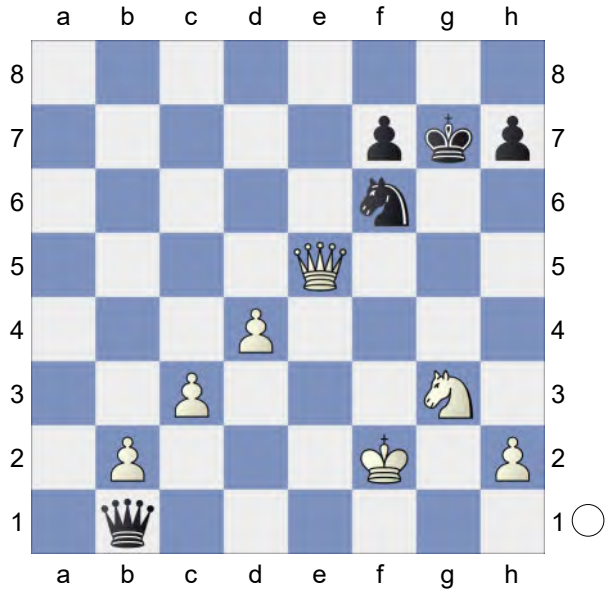


...Re1 is the strong threat. **31.Ra8! Rxa8 32.Qxa8+ Kg7 33.Qg2** Against Qf2+ **33...Kf8 34.Qg3 Qe4** 1.71/19
[34...Qf5± 0.78/22 was called for.]
35.Qb8++- Kg7

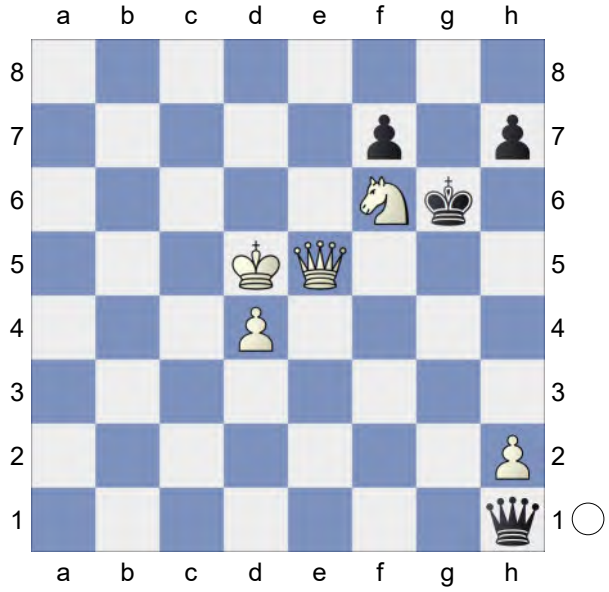


36.Qxb5 Threatens to win with Qg5+.
36...Qg6 2.52/20 Prevents Qg5.
[⌓36...h6 1.81/20]
37.Ng3 Ne3? 7.37/21
[37...Qb1+ 2.56/19 38.Kg2 Nf6 39.Qg5+ Qg6 40.Qxg6+ hxg6]
38.Qe2? 2.57/20

[38.Qe5+ 7.37/21 Kf8 39.Qxe3]
38...Qb1+ 39.Kf2 Nd5 7.41/22
[39...Nd1+ 2.38/21 40.Kf3 Kf8]
40.Qe5+ Nf6



41.Nh5+ Kg6 42.Nxf6 Qxb2+ 43.Kf3 Qxc3+ 44.Ke4 Threatening mate with Qf5+. **44...Qe1+ 45.Kd5 Qh1+**



46.Kd6 Qa8 47.Nd5 Nf4+ would kill now. **47...Qd8+ 48.Kc6 Qc8+ 49.Nc7 Qa8+ 50.Nxa8 f6**

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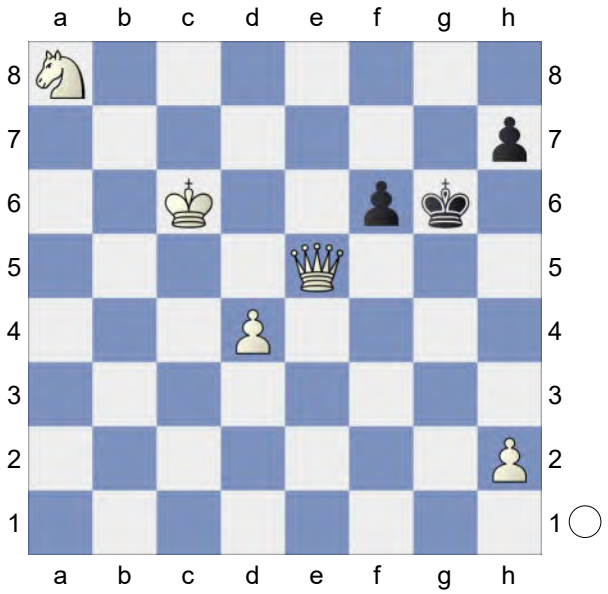
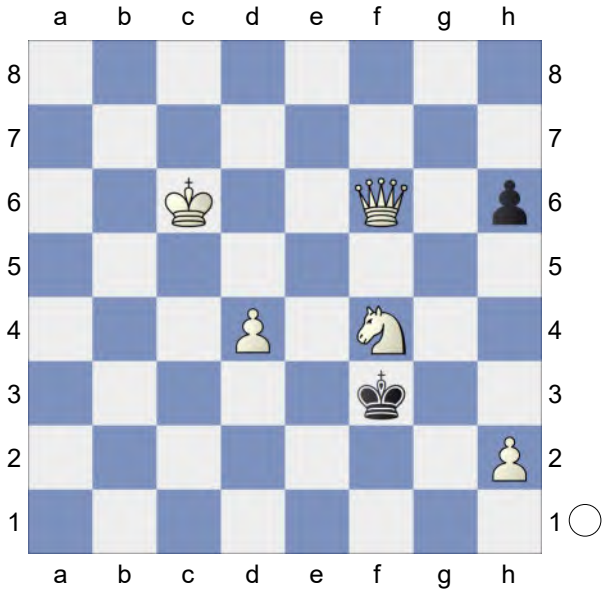


51.Qe6 Kh5 52.Nc7 h6 53.Nd5 Kg5 54.Qxf6+ Kg4 55.Nf4 Kf3



56.Ng6+ Ke3 57.Qh4 Kd3 58.Qxh6 Kc4 59.Nf8 Kb4 60.d5 Kc4

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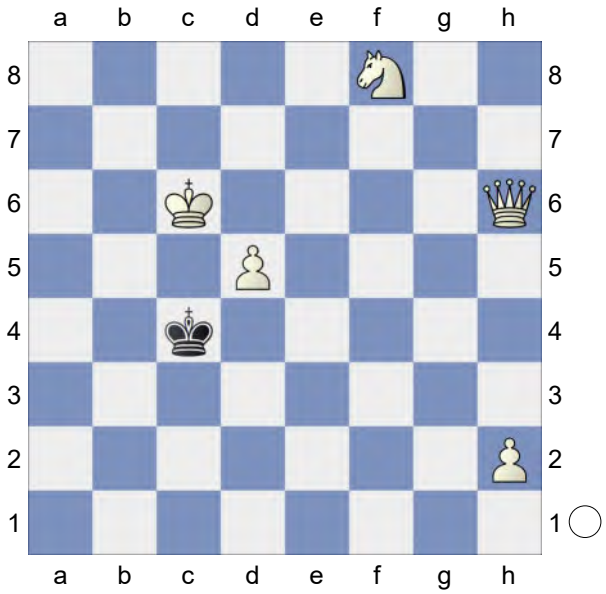
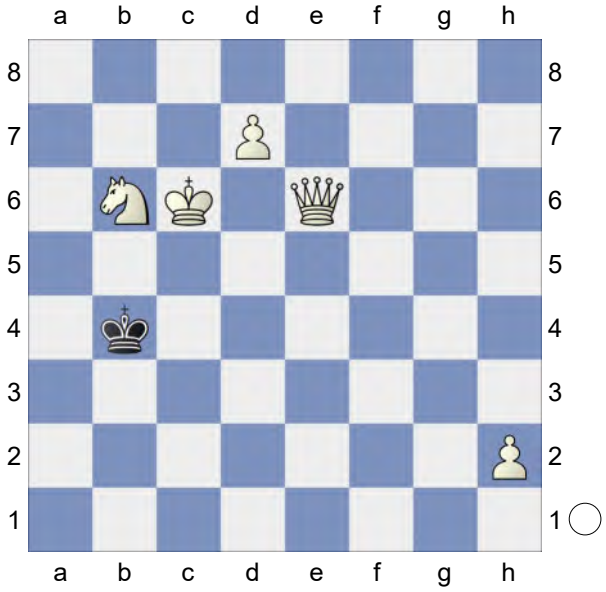


61.d6 Kb4 62.Qe6 Ka4 63.Nd7 Kb4 64.Nb6 21.41/5
[⌓64.Qe3 #4/10 Kc4 65.Nc5 Kb4 66.Qb3+ Ka5 67.Qc3#]
64...Ka5 65.d7 White mates. **65...Kb4**



66.d8Q Ka5 67.Qdd5+ Kb4 68.Qc4+ Ka5 69.Qe5#

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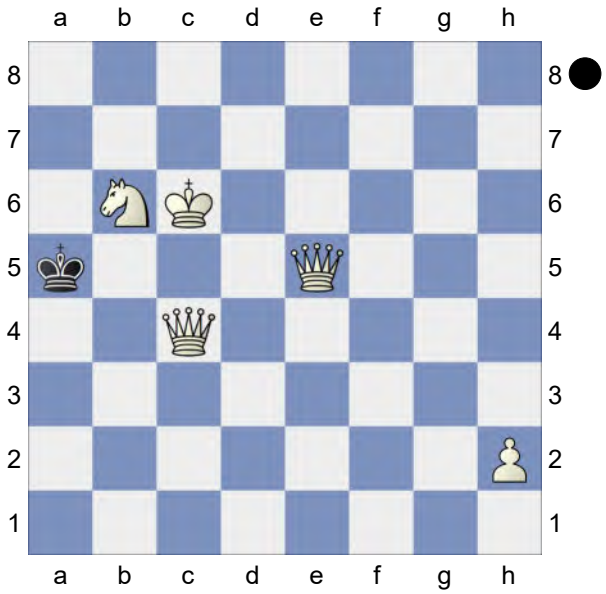

Never resign too early!
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15 **C89**
□ **Djurovic,Peko** **2332**
■ **Petrov,Nikita** **2563**
76. Championship of Montenegro (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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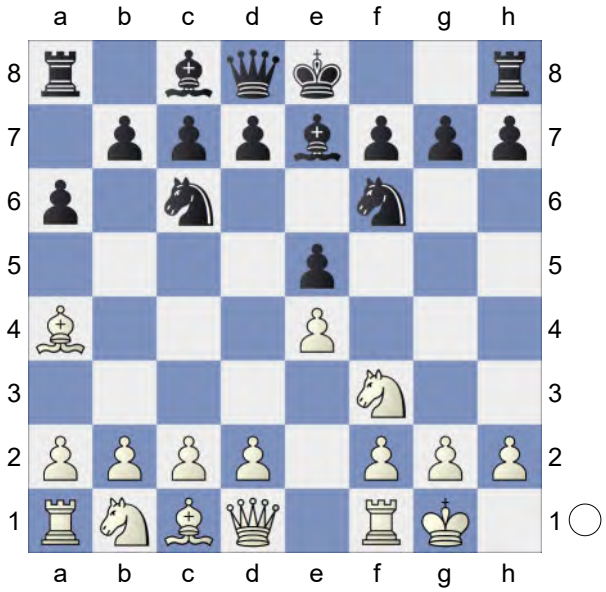

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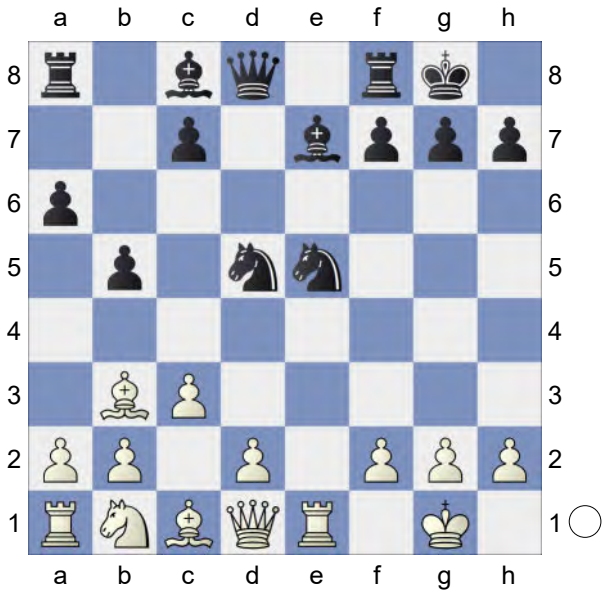

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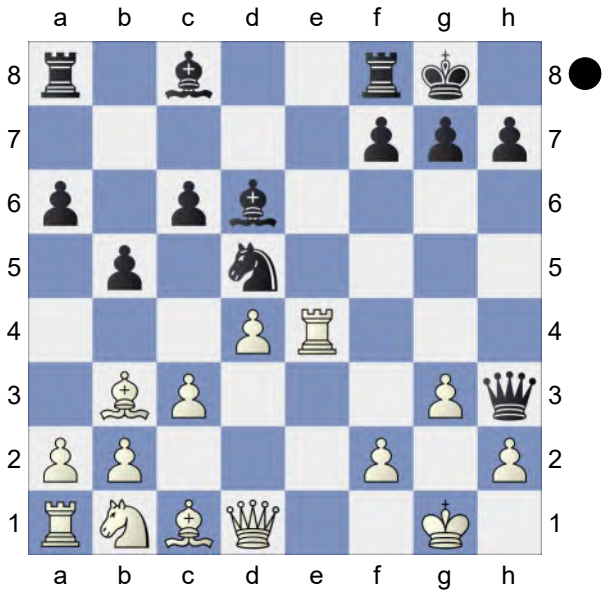

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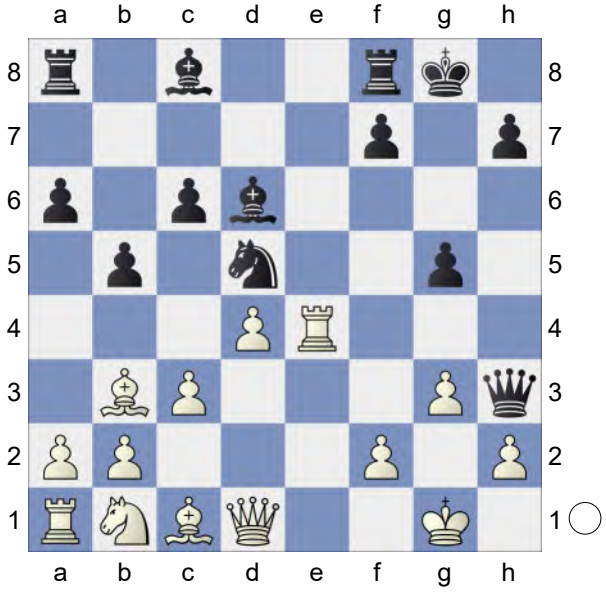


16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5? Qf5 17.Nd2 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5-+]
[16.Qe2 Nf6]
16...Qh5
[16...Qxf1+ simplifies 17.Kxf1 Bf5 18.Re1 Rae8]
17.Nd2 Nf4!?N 0.67/22 Wards off Qf1-e2 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[17...f5 18.Bd1 Qh6 19.Re1 f4

20.Ne4 Bc7 21.f3 *(21.a4 Bh3 22.Qe2 Bf5 23.Nc5 Rae8 24.Qxe8 Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kf7 26.Re1 Qh3 27.Ne4 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 fxg3 29.fxg3 Bxg3 30.hxg3 Qxg3+ 31.Kh1 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1* ½-½ So,W (2652)-Leko,P (2737) (ol) 116/119 2012*)* 21...Bh3 22.Qf2 g4 23.fxg4 Qg6 24.Qc2 Rae8 25.Bd2 Ne3 26.Bxe3 fxe3 27.Nc5 Qh6 28.Ne4 Qg6 29.Nc5 Qg5 30.Qd3 Rf2 31.Bc2 Re7 32.Ne4 1-0 Negi,P (2535)-Kosteniuk,A (2530) Chapter 9 2006 (2)]

[17...Bf5 18.f3 Nf6 *(18...Rae8 19.Qf2 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Kg7 21.exd5 Re2 22.Bd1 Rfe8 23.Nf1 Rxf2 24.Bxh5 Rf5 25.Ne3 Rf6 26.dxc6* 1-0 Londono Lopez,D (2053)-Trujillo Artunduaga,S (1553) Neiva Ascun Nodo op 2023 (1)*)* 19.Qg2 *(19.Re1 Rae8 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.a4 Qg6 22.axb5 Bd3 23.Qd1 Be2 24.Qc2 Bd3 25.Qd1* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006*)* 19...Qg6 20.Re3 Rae8 21.Ne4 Nd5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Bxg5 Qe6 26.g4 Bd3 27.Rd1 Qe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kf2 Re2+ 30.Kg3 Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Kg7 32.Bd8 ½-½ Anand,V (2799)-Adams,M (2726) 102/387 Wijk aan Zee 2008]

18.Rxf4N -0.04/22

[Vorgänger: 18.gxf4± 0.67/22 gxf4 Hoping for ...Bc8-h3. 19.Bd1 *(19.Qe2 Qg6+ 20.Kf1 Bh3+ 21.Ke1)* 19...Qh6 20.Qe1 0.01/24 *(20.Kh1± 0.72/24* aiming for Qf1-e2. *Kh8 21.Bf3)* 20...Bf5= And now ...Kg8-h8! would win. 21.Kh1 Kh8! ...Rf8-g8! is the strong threat. 22.Re5 Bh3! 23.Nf1 Rg8 24.Ng3 ½-½ Lanz Calavia,J (2289)-Cvak,R (2386) EU-ch 2022 sf04 email]

18...Bxf4=

[18...gxf4?! 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Bxf4± *(20.gxf4 Bh3=)*]

19.gxf4 -1.67/23

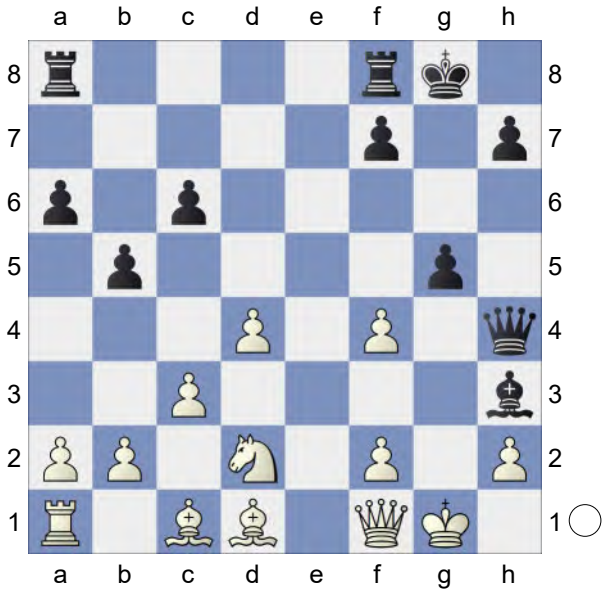
[19.Ne4!= -0.29/21 Qg6 20.gxf4 Qxe4 21.fxg5 *(21.f3 Qg6∓)*]

19...Bh3-+ 20.Bd1 -1.73/25

[20.Qd3∓ -1.25/25 Rae8 21.Ne4 Qg4+ 22.Qg3 Rxe4 23.Be3 gxf4 Pin 24.Qxg4+ Bxg4 25.Bc2]

20...Qh4 -0.47/25

[20...Qh6-+ -1.73/25 21.Qd3 Rae8]



21.Qe2 -0.96/26

[21.Qd3∓ -0.47/25 feels stronger. Rfe8 22.Ne4]

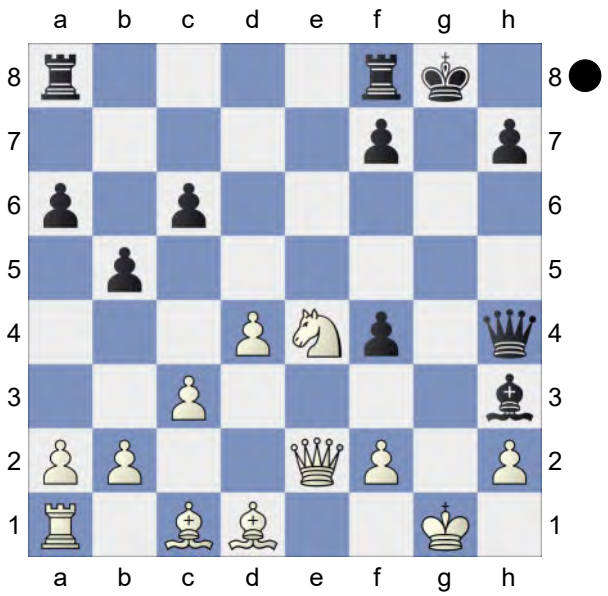
21...gxf4 -0.35/25 Black is more active.

[21...Kh8∓ -0.96/26 22.Ne4 *(22.Qh5? Rfe8-+)* 22...Rae8]

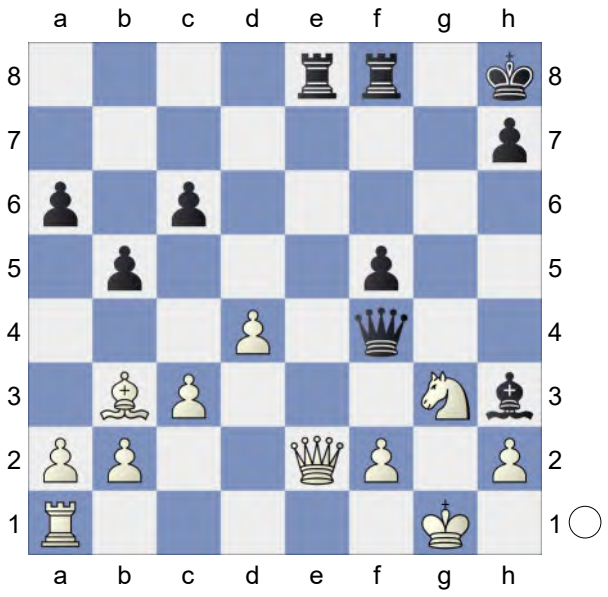
22.Ne4? -2.39/24

[But not 22.Qh5? Rae8-+]

[22.Qf3∓ -0.35/25 Kh8 23.Ne4 *(23.Qxc6* leads to mate. *Rg8+ 24.Kh1 Qxf2 25.Qf6+ Rg7; 23.Kh1? Rae8-+)*]



22...f5! 23.Bxf4? -5.59/23
[23.Bb3+∓ -1.55/22 nothing else works. Kh8 24.Ng3]
23...Qxf4 24.Ng3 Rae8 25.Bb3+ Kh8



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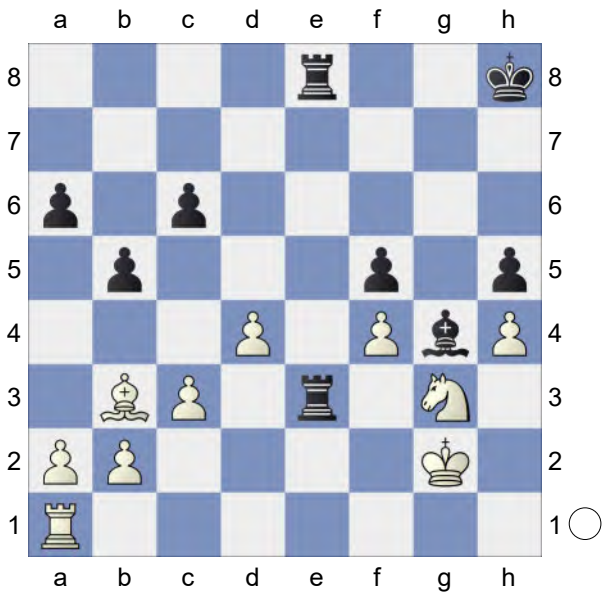

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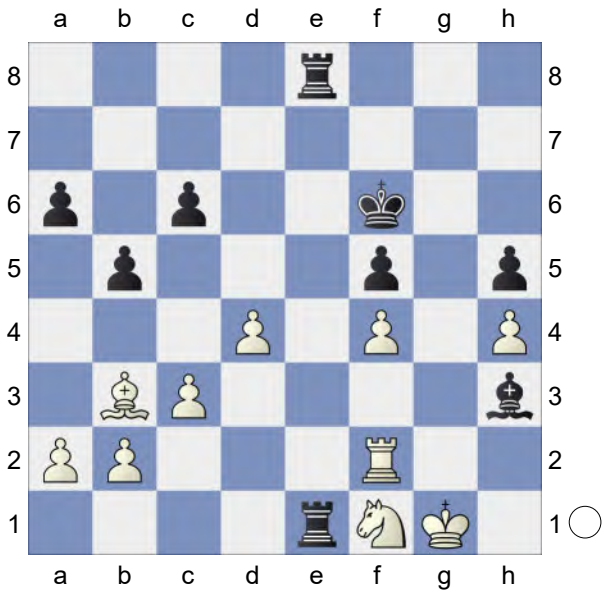
[33.Rd2 -3.39/22]
33...Bh3+ 34.Kg1 Re1



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16 **C89**
□ **Ferran1850** **2546**
■ **marci_chess** **2557**
Blitz 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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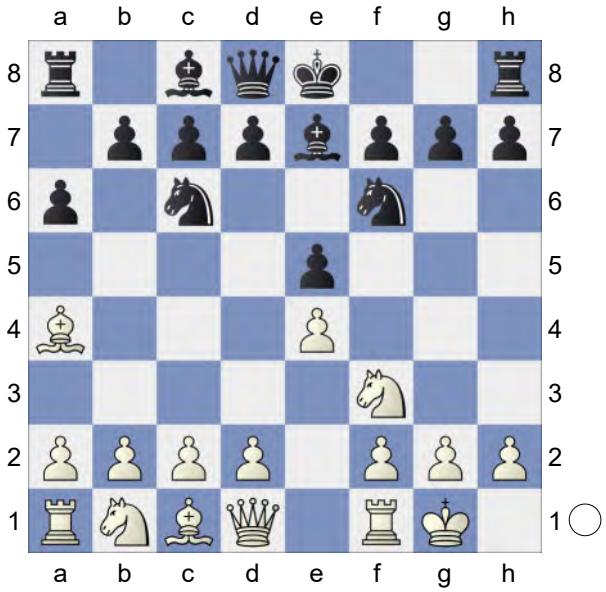

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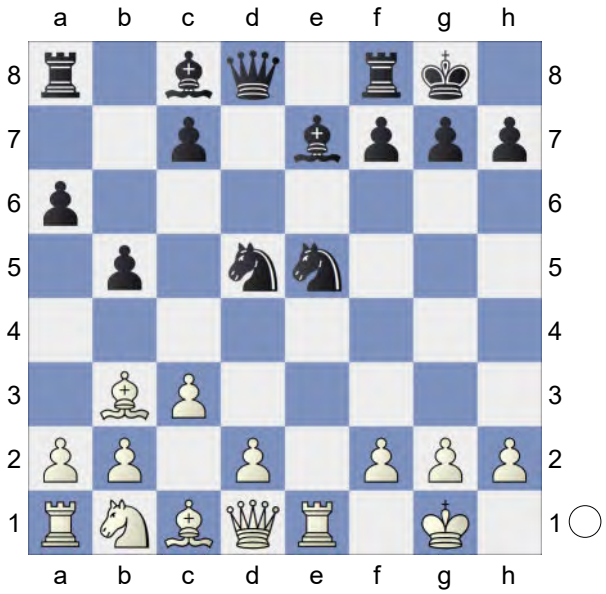

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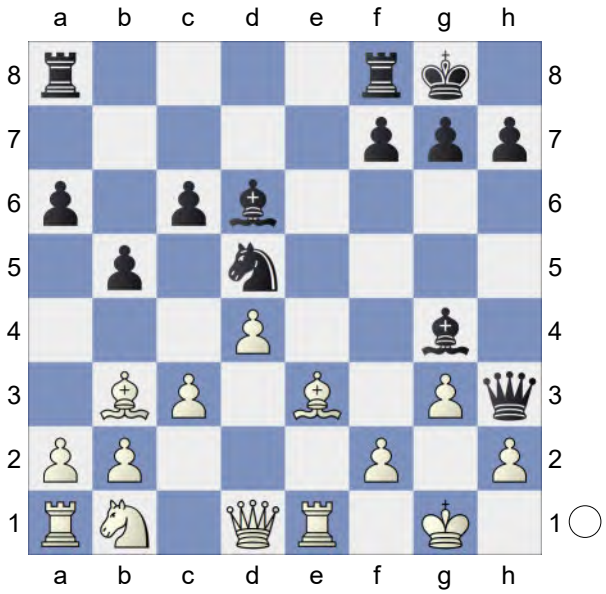
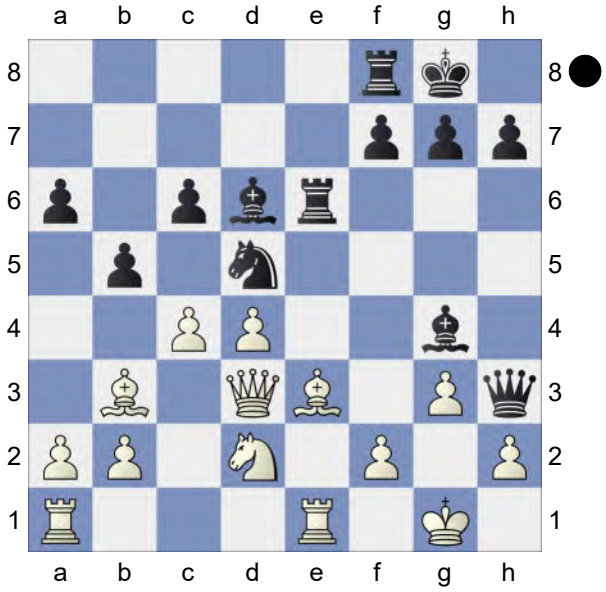
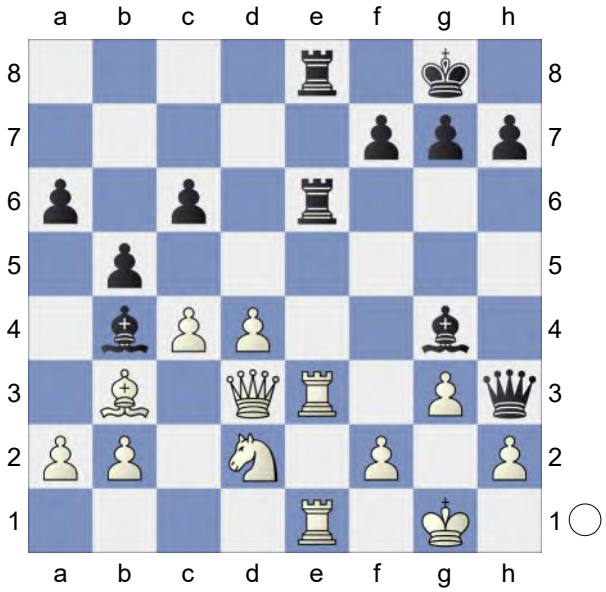


16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.c4? -1.55/20
[18.a4= 0.19/21]



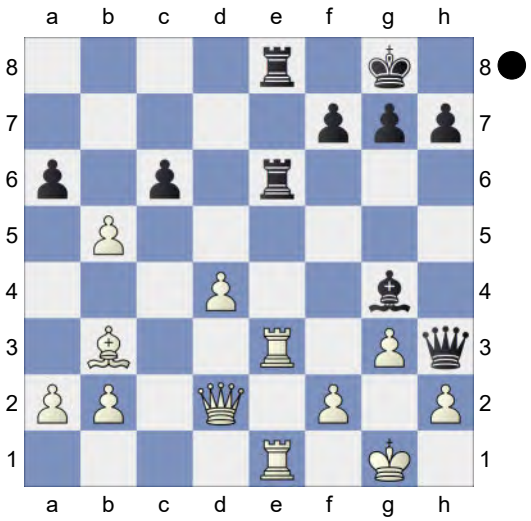
18...Nxe3? 0.56/20
[Black should try 18...Bf4!∓ -1.55/20
Threatens to win with ...Rh6! 19.Qf1
(19.gxf4? Rh6-+; 19.Bd1 Nxe3)
19...Nxe3 20.Qxh3 Bxh3 21.cxb5
(21.gxf4? Rg6+ 22.Kh1 Bg2+ 23.Kg1 Bf3#) 21...Nc2! 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.gxf4 Nxa1 24.Rxa1 Rxf4]

19.Rxe3± Rfe8 1.32/23
[Black should play 19...Rh6± 0.47/20 20.Nf1 c5]
20.Rae1N Hoping for cxb5. White is clearly better.
[20.cxb5 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Qxg3+ 23.Kh1 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Rxe3 25.Qf1 Rf3 0-1 (25) Giedraitis,M-Letzelter,J Montreal 1985 ZUS C73 [Nieuwsbrief 4]]
20...Bb4



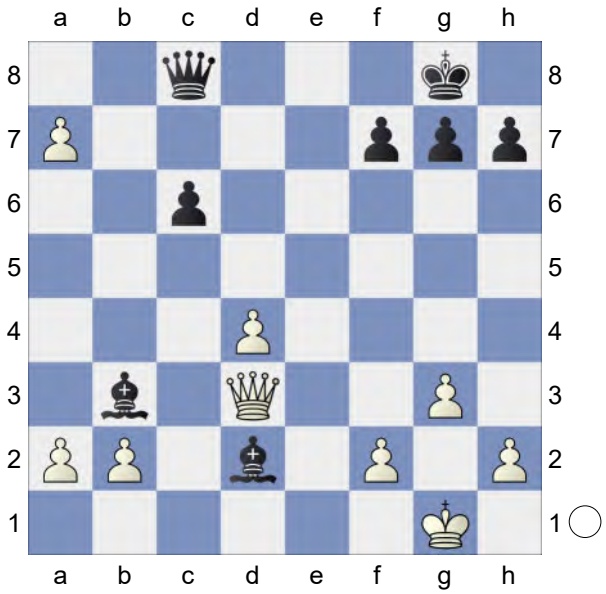
And now ...Bxd2 would win. **21.cxb5** 0.42/22
[Better is 21.Rxe6!± 1.46/24 fxe6 22.Re3]
21...Bxd2± A strong pair of Bishops.
22.Rxe6 -0.01/22
[22.Qxd2?

(Diagram)

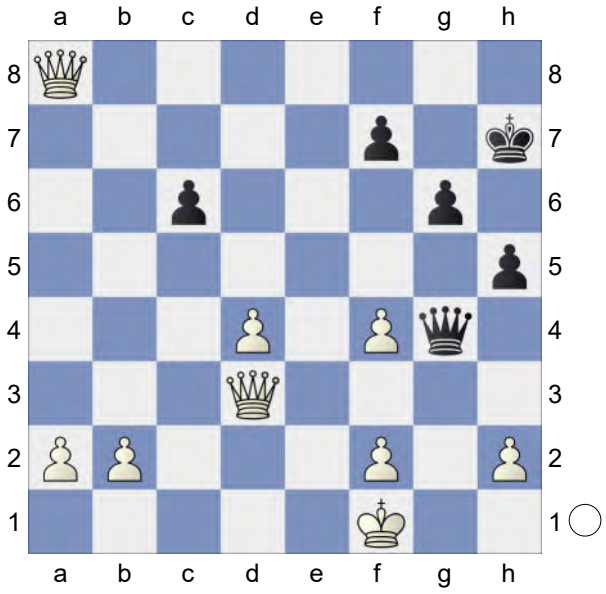


Bf3! 23.Rxf3 Rxe1+]
[22.Bxe6± 0.49/23 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 *(23.Bxg4? Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 25.Kf3 Rxe1-+)* 23...fxe6 24.bxc6]
22...Rxe6?? 10.15/23 A mistake that costs the game.
[22...fxe6= -0.01/22 23.Rf1 *(23.Qxd2? Bf3 24.Bxe6+ Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Qg2#)* 23...Ba5 24.bxc6 Bb6]
23.Rxe6+-
[23.Qxd2? leads to mate. Bf3 24.Bxe6 Qg2#]
23...Bxe6 24.bxa6
[24.Qxd2 Bxb3 25.Qa5 *(25.axb3 axb5 26.Qf4 Qc8±)* 25...g6 26.axb3 Qf5±]
24...Bxb3 25.a7 Qc8

(Diagram)

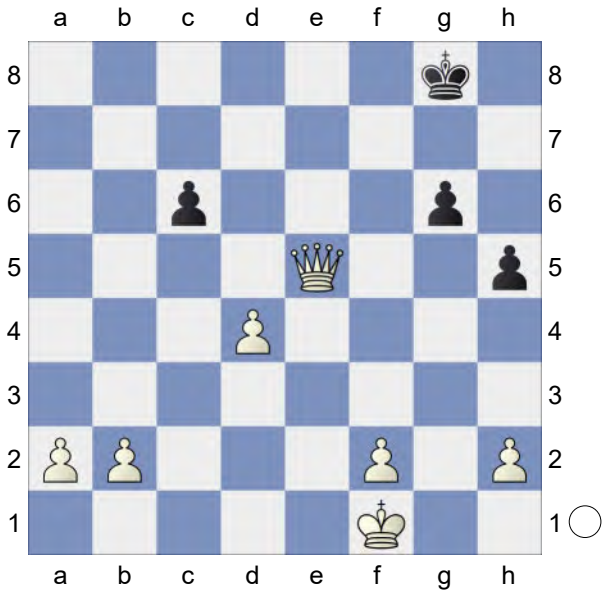


26.Qxb3 Bf4 27.gxf4 KQ-KQ **27...Qg4+ 28.Kf1 h5 29.a8Q+ Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6**

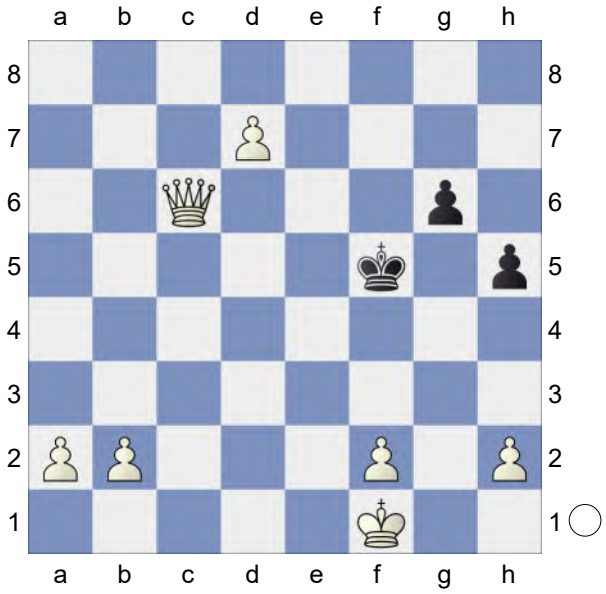


31.Qe8 Kg7 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.f5 Qg5 34.fxg6 Qxg6 35.Qxg6+ fxg6

(Diagram)

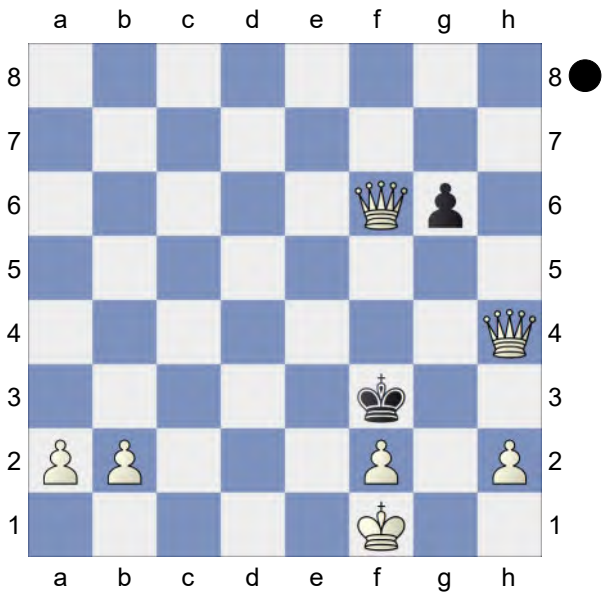


36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Qxc6 Kf7 38.d5 Ke7 39.d6+ Ke6 40.d7+ Kf5



41.d8Q White mates. **41...Kg4 42.Qcf6 h4 43.Qxh4+ Kf3 44.Qdf6#**

(Diagram)



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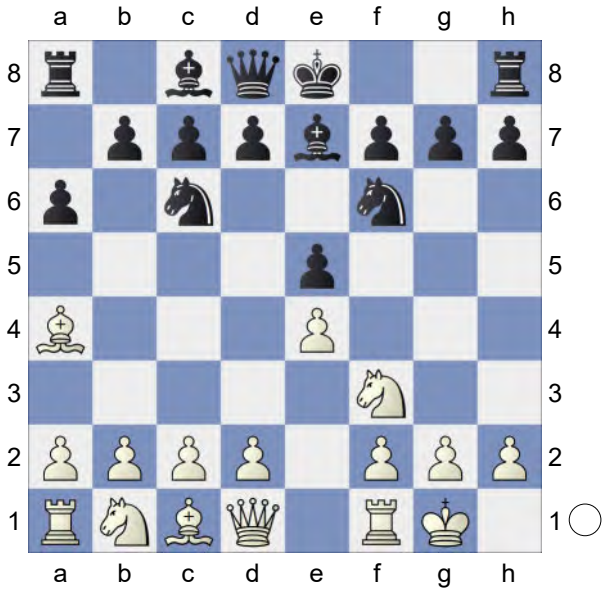
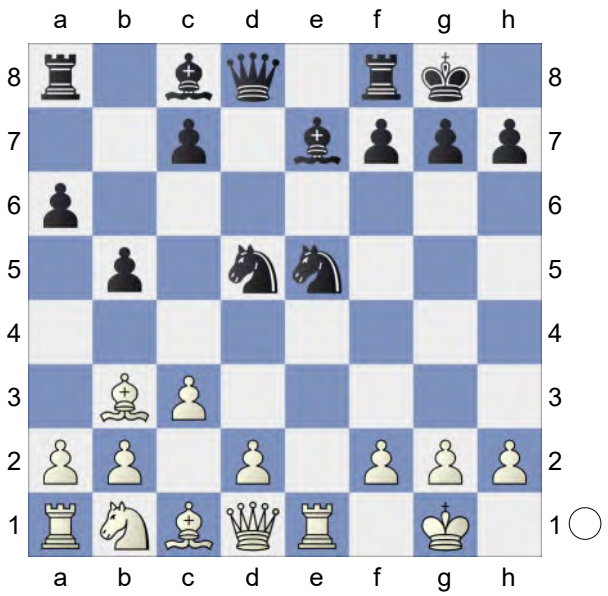
17 **C89**
□ **foo0k** **2580**
■ **KongCouOui** **2620**
Blitz 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

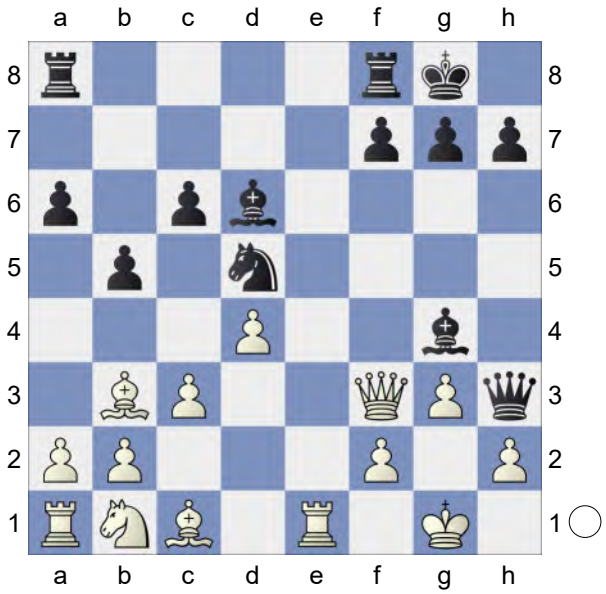
Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4
14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4



16.Qg2 Rae8 0.52/20
[16...Qh5!= 0.10/22 is more appropriate. 17.Be3 Rfe8]
17.Be3 0.21/21
[17.Rxe8± 0.52/20 Rxe8 18.Qxh3 Bxh3 19.Bd2]
17...Qh5= And now ...Bf3 would win. The position is equal. **18.Nd2** Prevents Bf3.
18...Kh8
[18...Re7 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qg2 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 ½-½ (24) Grischuk,A (2771)-Tomashevsky,E (2699) Russia 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]
[18...Bh3 19.Bd1 Bg4 20.Bxg4 Qxg4 21.Qf3 Qg6 22.Re2 f5 23.Qg2 f4 24.gxf4 Qxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 26.Bxf4 Rxe2 27.Bxd6 Rfxf2+ 28.Kh3 Rxd2 0-1 (28) Campbell,C-Perrin,B (1744) Wellington 2023]
19.c4N
[19.a4 f5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Qxd5 Rd8 22.Qg2 f4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Rxf4 25.Re4 Bf3 26.Nxf3 Rxe4 27.Ne5 Re2 28.axb5 axb5 29.h3 Rf8 30.Ra7 g6 31.Ng4 Qf5 32.Qb7 Re1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+

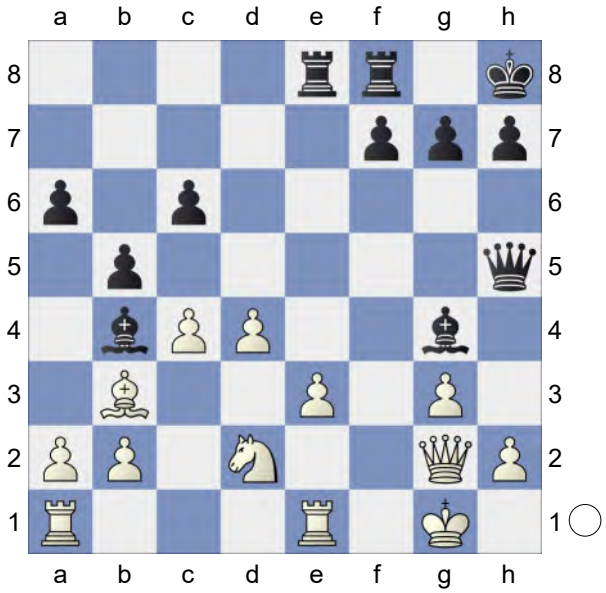
Senders,M (1929)-Monpeurt,C (2045) Agneaux 2012 EXT 2014 [Navrotescu, Catalin] 0-1 (63) 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Ne3 Ref4 36.Nd1 g5 37.Re7 g4 38.h4 Rf3 39.Re3 R3f5 40.Rd3 h5 41.Rd2 Rf3 42.d5 Kg7 43.d6 Kf6 44.Ne3 Ke6 45.Nc2 R3f7 46.Nd4+ Kxd6 47.Nxb5+ Kc5 48.Na3 Rf3 SurveyUebersicht (1929)-4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗d6 (2045) Brownsville 2012 EXT 97-B [Rossolimo,N] 0-1 (63)]

19...Nxe3 20.fxe3 -0.24/19

[⌓20.Rxe3 0.08/20 Bb4 21.Nf1 *(21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.f3 Bh3=)*]

20...Bb4 0.18/19

[⌓20...c5 -0.24/19]



21.a3 Ba5 This bishop pair is nice.

22.Bd1 -0.43/20

[22.Ba2= 0.01/16 deserves consideration.]

22...Bxd1

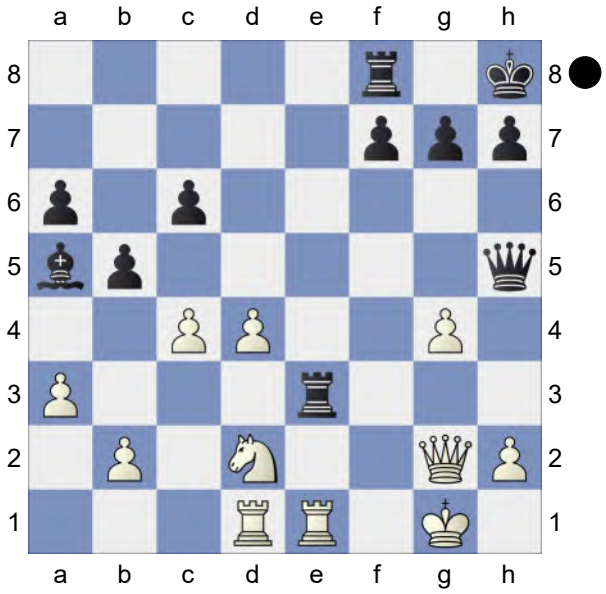
[22...bxc4!? 23.Bxg4 Qxg4=]

23.Raxd1

[Of course not 23.Rexd1 Rxe3 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 bxc4∓]

23...Rxe3 24.g4 -1.37/20

[24.b4= -0.01/20 Bc7 25.Nf1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1]

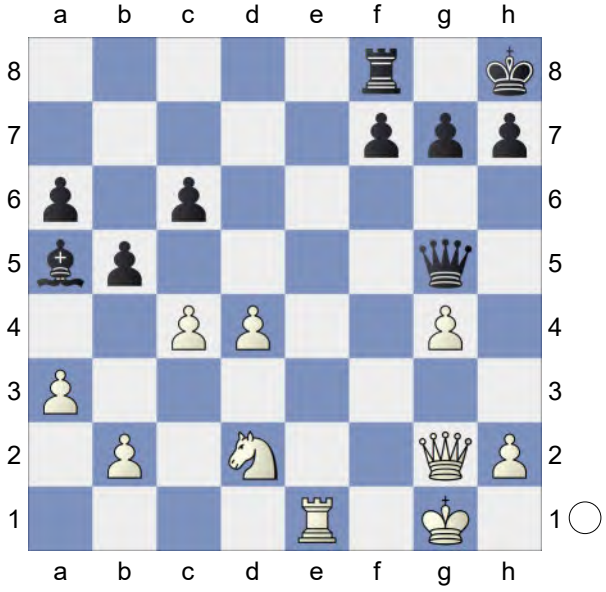


24...Rxe1+ -0.88/21

[Black should play 24...Qh6! -1.37/20 Hoping for ...Rxe1+. 25.Rf1 Bc7 26.cxb5 axb5]

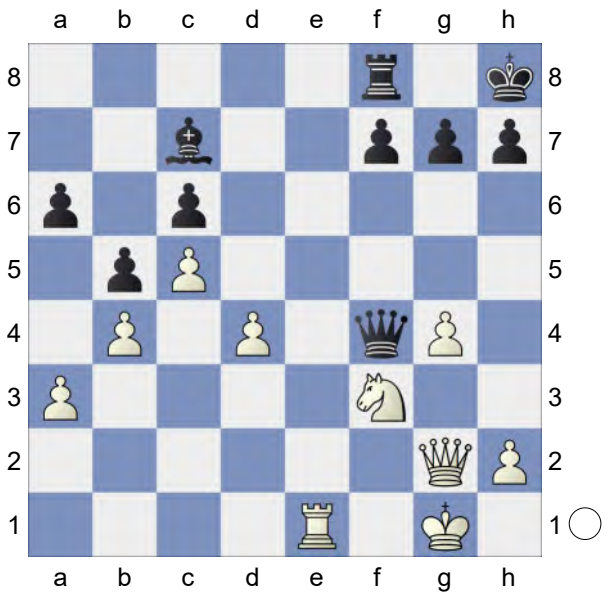
25.Rxe1∓ Qg5 -0.16/23

[25...Qg6∓ -0.64/22 26.b4 Bd8]

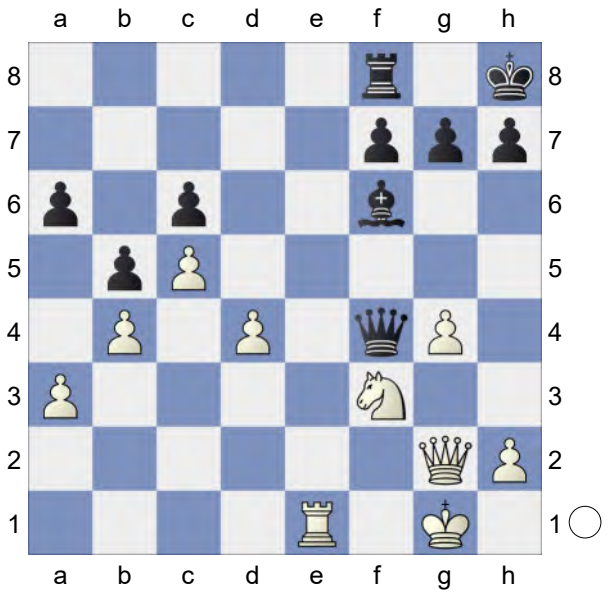


26.b4= Bb6 27.c5 Bc7 28.Nf3 Qf4 0.81/22

[28...Qg6!= -0.06/19]

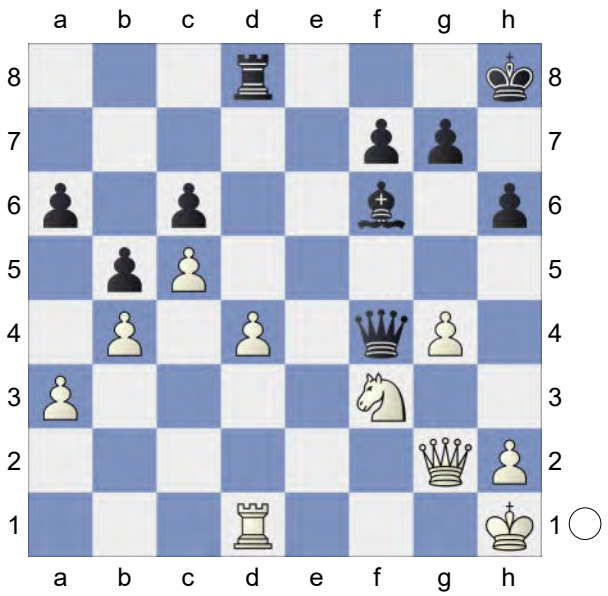


29.Re7 -0.08/23
[29.Qg3!± 0.81/22]
29...Bd8↑ Black fights for an advantage.
30.Re1 Bf6



31.Rd1 -1.11/19
[31.Kh1= -0.01/22]
31...Rd8 -0.45/22
[31...h6∓ -1.11/19 Threatens to win with ...Qe3+. 32.Kh1 Rd8]
32.Kh1 h6

(Diagram)



Prevents g5.
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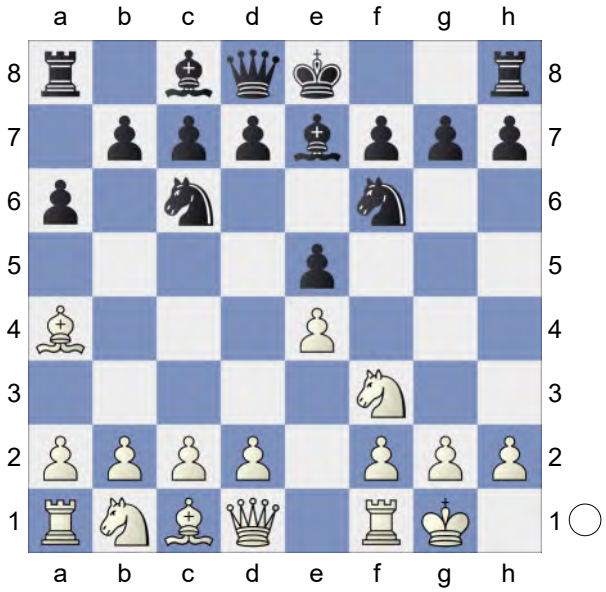
18 **C89**
□ **foo0k** **2576**
■ **lhy_sbz** **2665**
Blitz 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



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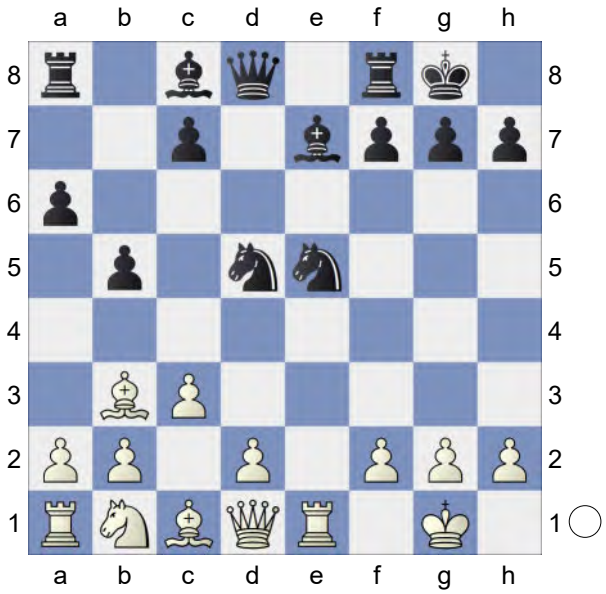
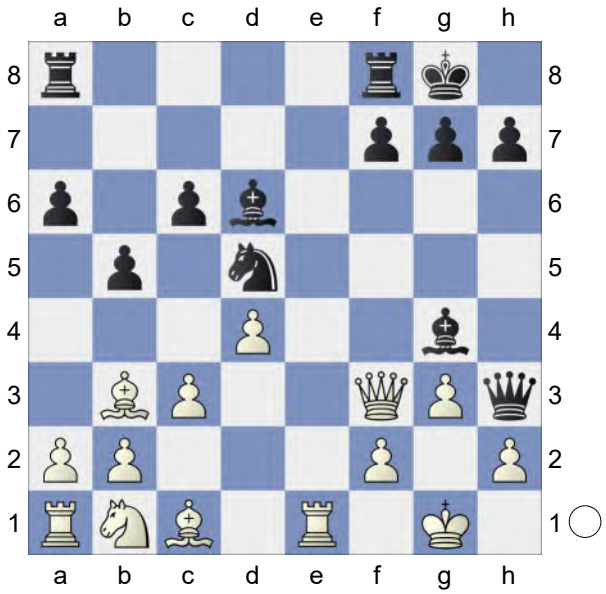
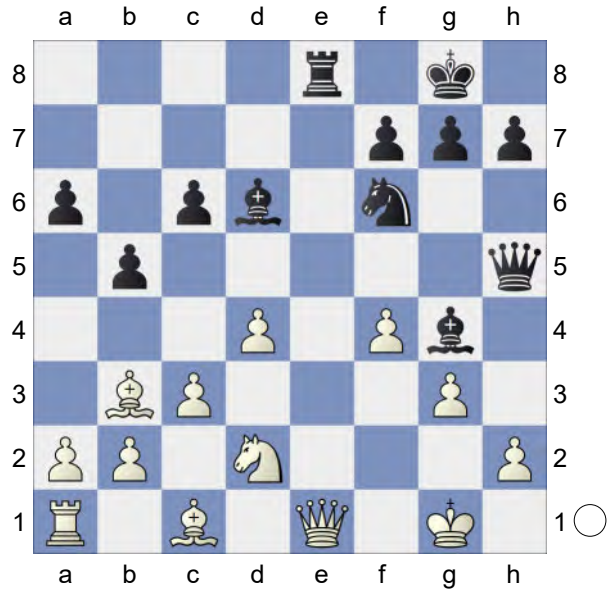


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4
14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4

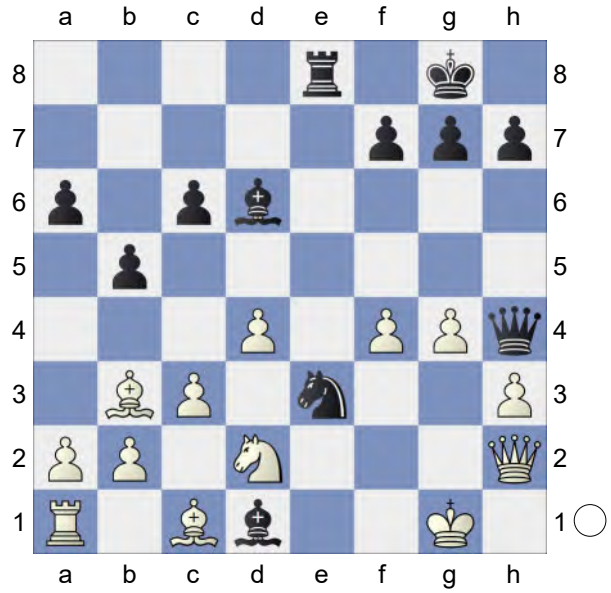


16.Qg2 Qh5! 17.f4N -2.38/24
[17.Be3= 0.15/19 and White is okay. Bh3 *(17...Rae8 18.Nd2 Re6 19.Bd1 Bxd1 20.Raxd1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re6 26.d5 Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rd6 28.b4 Bb6 29.Re1 g6 30.dxc6 Rxc6 31.Rc1 f6 32.Ke2* Hunt,C (1896)-Schiffers,E (2166) Moscow 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] ½-½ (35) *; 17...a5 18.Nd2 a4 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Bxf4 23.gxf4 a3 24.b3 Ra6 25.Ne5 Rc8 26.Re3 Bf5* Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qf3 #5*)* 18.Bd1 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f5 21.c4 bxc4 22.Nd2 c3 23.bxc3 f4 24.gxf4 Bxf4 25.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 26.Kf1 Nd5 27.Rdc1 Rae8 28.Nc4 Naiditsch,A (2697)-Onischuk,A (2699) Montreal 106/(101) 2009 Cl1-130 [RR]]
17...Rae8 18.Qf2 Nf6 -1.04/22
[Black should try 18...c5!-+ -2.03/23 Threatens to win with ...Rxe1+. 19.h4 *(19.Rxe8? Rxe8 20.Bxd5 Re2-+)* 19...Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Nf6]

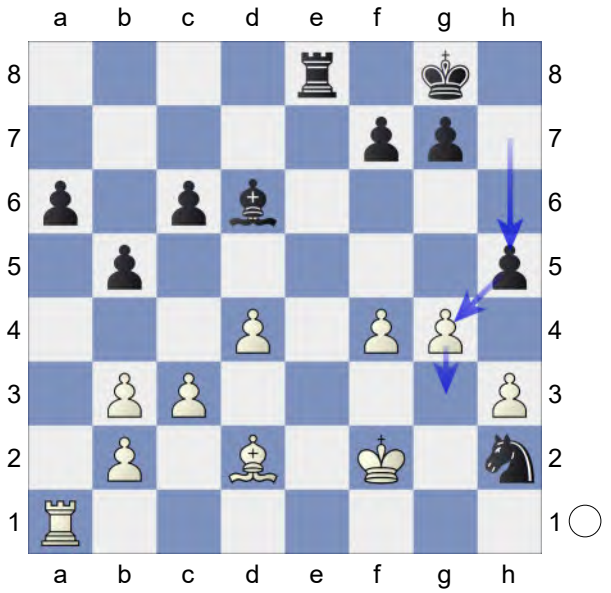
19.Nd2? -5.76/21
[19.Be3∓ -1.04/22 is tougher.]
19...Rxe1+-+ 20.Qxe1 Re8



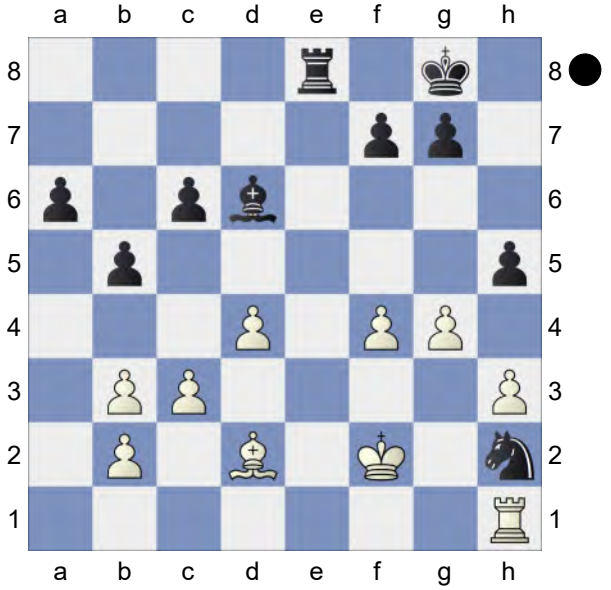
Inhibits Ne4. **21.Qf1 Be2 22.Qg2**
Ng4? -1.37/21
[22...Bd3-+ -4.04/24 23.Nf3 Re2]
23.h3∓ Ne3? 0.95/20
[23...Nf6∓ -1.32/23 stays on course.
White must now prevent ...Bd3.
24.Nf1 Bf3]
24.Qh2? -5.58/24
[24.Qxc6± 0.95/20 Rd8 25.Qe4]
24...Bd1-+ 25.g4 Qh4



(-> ...Qe1+) **26.Nf1 Nxf1 27.Qf2**
Qxf2+? -3.38/5
[27...Ng3 -8.92/25 28.Bxd1 Qxh3]
28.Kxf2 Bxb3 0.40/20
[28...Be2-+ -4.07/22 29.a4 b4]
29.axb3± Nh2 30.Bd2 -0.88/23
[30.Rxa6= 0.18/21 h5 31.g5]
30...h5∓

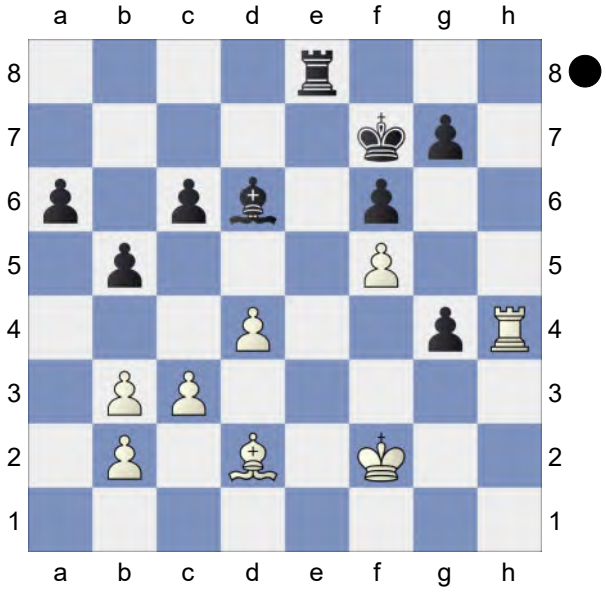


31.Rh1



Nxg4+ 32.hxg4 hxg4-+ Endgame
Strongly threatening ...f5. KRB-KRB
33.Rh5 -2.28/22
[33.Ra1∓ -1.00/22]

33...f6 34.f5? -6.66/22
[34.Rh1 -2.11/22]
34...Kf7? -2.34/23
[34...g3+ -6.66/22 35.Kf1 g2+ 36.Kg1 Re2]
35.Rh4



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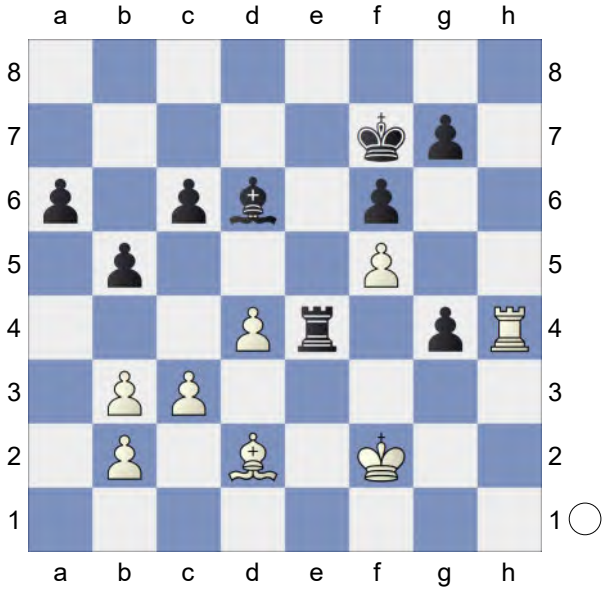
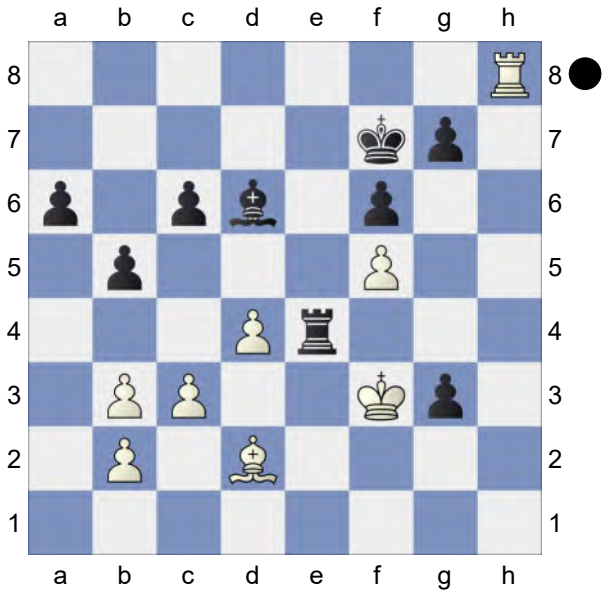
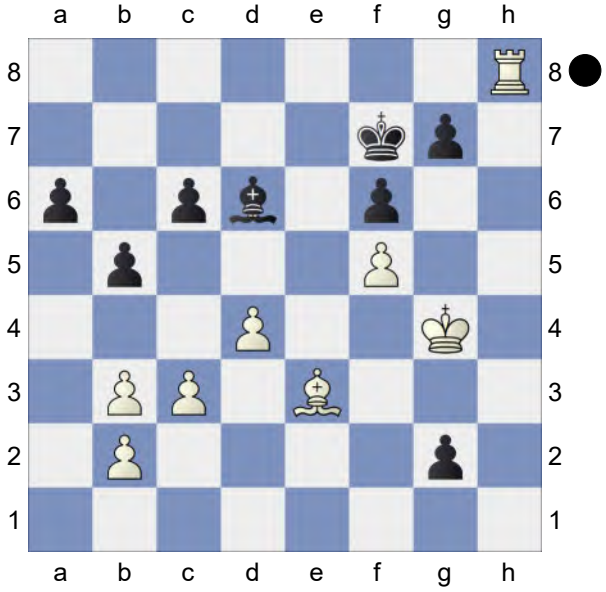


36.Rh8? -4.76/24
[36.Kf1 -2.61/23 might work better.]
36...g3+ 37.Kf3

(Diagram)



Rg4 9.33/21 **38.Kxg4+- g2 39.Be3**



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19 **C89**
□ **Gadzhiev,Ruslan** **2107**
■ **Smirnov,P** **2482**
RUS Ch Rapid 2024 (9.14) 16.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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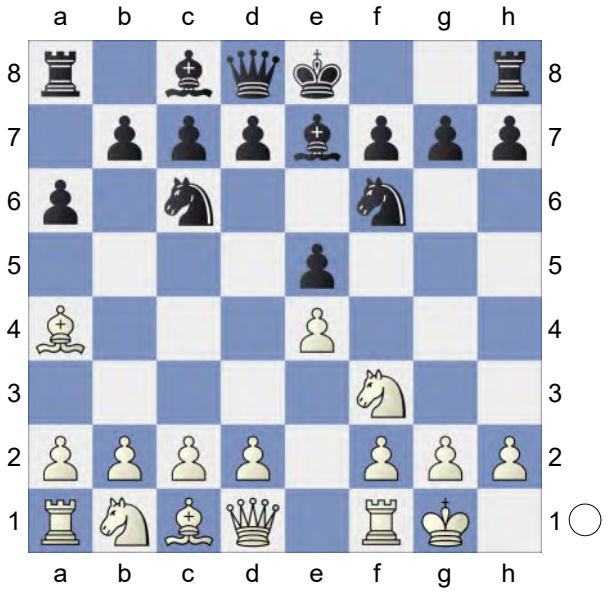

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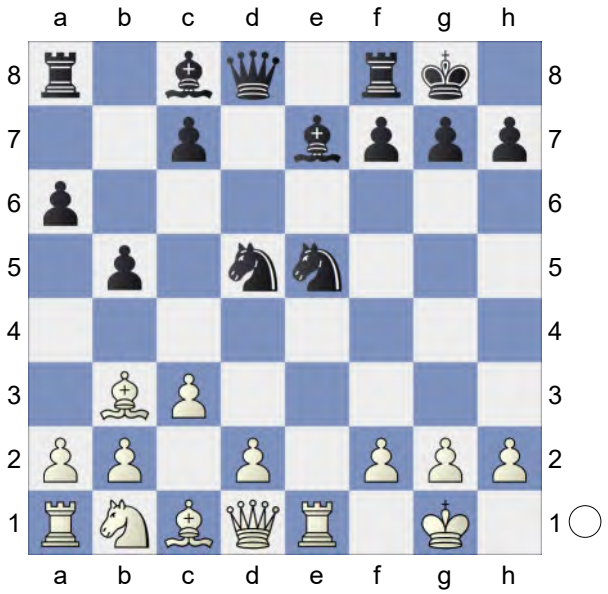

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6

14.Re3 14.Re1 injects fresh life into this line. 14.Te1 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **14...Qh4 15.h3 Bf5N** 0.53/20

[15...Qf4= 0.21/19 is more appropriate.

A) 16.Re5 Qf6= 17.Re1 *(17.Re3)* 17...Qg6 18.Qf3 Bf5 *(18...Bd7 19.Be3 Rae8 20.Nd2 Re6 21.Kh1 Bb8 22.Nb3 Rf6 23.Qd1 h5* Marshall-Sidelines [Jan Gustafsson]*)* 19.Be3 Be4 20.Qg4 h5 21.Qxg6 Bxg6 22.Nd2 f6 23.Nb3 Bf5 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 Bd7 26.Rad1 Bc6 27.h4 Rfe8 28.f3 Kf7 29.Kf2 Rh8 30.Rd2 Rae8 31.Rde2 Re6 Tal,M-Spassky,B Tbilisi 1965 The Total Marshall [Shamkovich etc.] ½-½ (41);

B) 16.Rg3 Qf6]

[15...f5 16.Qf3 Bb7 17.Nd2 g5 18.Nf1 g4 19.hxg4 fxg4 20.Qe2 Rf5 21.g3 Qh3 22.Nh2 h5 23.Re8+ Kg7 24.Bh6+ Kxh6 25.Qe6+ Kg5 26.Rxa8 Bxa8 27.Qxd6 h4 28.Re1 hxg3 29.fxg3 Rf6 30.Re5+ Suslov,S-Vitomskis,J Riga 1965 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (31)]

[15...g5 16.Qf3 Be6 17.Qf6 Qh5 18.Re1 h6 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Nd2 Rg8 21.Nf1 Rg6 22.Qf3 g4 23.hxg4 Rxg4 24.Ng3 Qg6 25.Ne2 Rg8 26.g3 Qh5 27.Kg2 Qh3+ 0-1 (27) Yermakov,O-Shishov,I corr 1965 UltraCorr3a [various annotators]]

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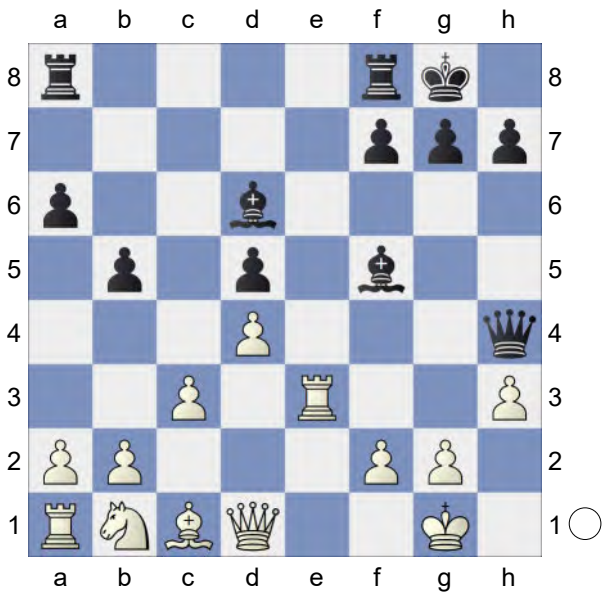

16.Nd2± Rae8 17.Nf3 Qh5 White is slightly better. **18.g4** 0.01/24
[18.Bd2± 0.64/20]
18...Bxg4!= 19.hxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Kf1 f5N 1.94/21
[20...Re6 1.27/20 20...Qh3+ 0.81 21.Ke2 0.93/19 *(⌓21.Bd2 1.27/20)* 21...Bf4 1.81/22 Prevents Ng5. *(21...Rf6± 0.93/19)* 22.Rxe6+- fxe6 2.58/22 *(22...Qxe6+ 1.75/22* keeps fighting. *23.Be3 Re8)* 23.Bxf4? 0.01/20 *(23.Qg1+- 2.58/22 Qxg1 24.Nxg1)* 23...Rxf4= 24.Qd3 Threatens to win with Rg1. Re4+! 25.Kd2 Black must now prevent Rg1. Rf4 26.Ke2 Re4+! 27.Kd2 Strongly threatening Rg1. Rf4 28.Ke2 aiming for Rg1. Re4+! ½-½ Pasteiner, J-Biton,E IBCA blind Olympiad 04th fin-B 1972 (1.4)]
[20...Qh3+± 0.96/22 21.Ke2 Bf4]

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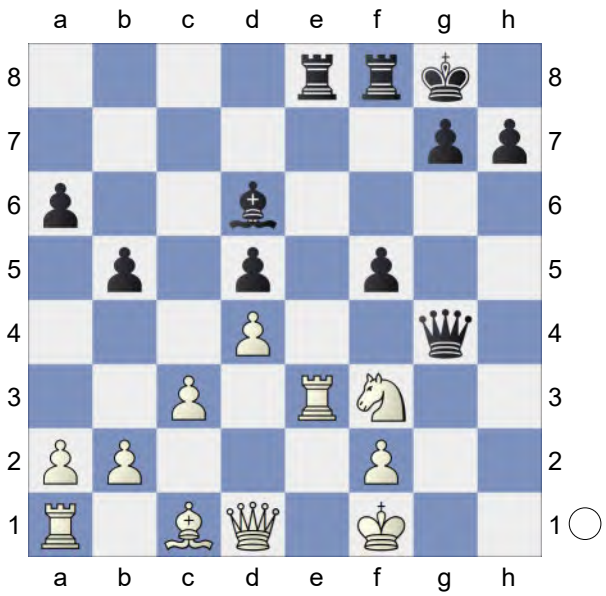
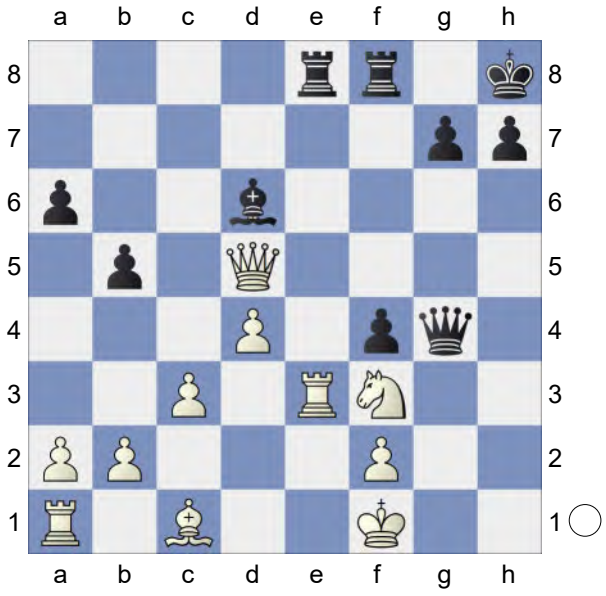


21.Qb3+- f4 22.Qxd5+ Kh8



23.Rxe8 1.07/24
[23.Re2!+- 2.15/23]
23...Rxe8±

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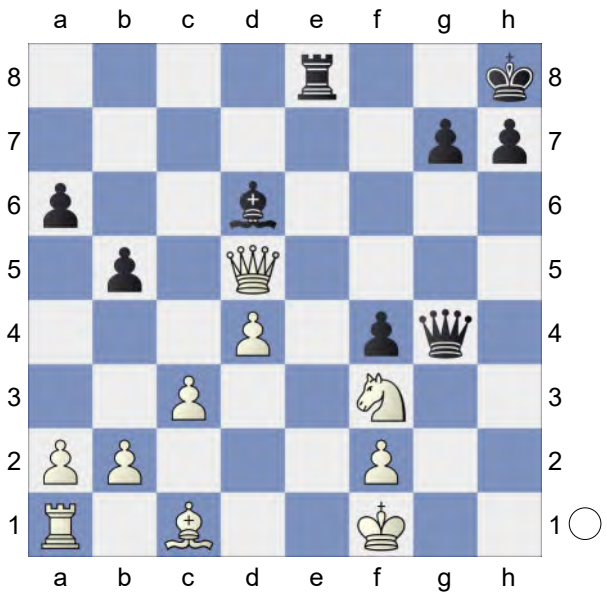
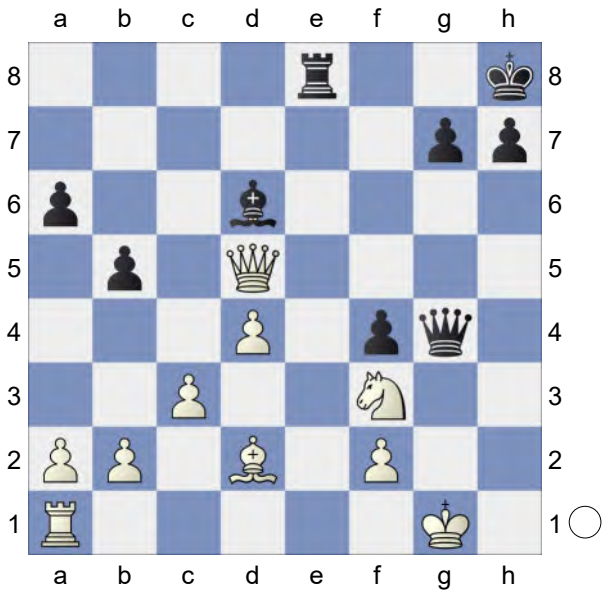
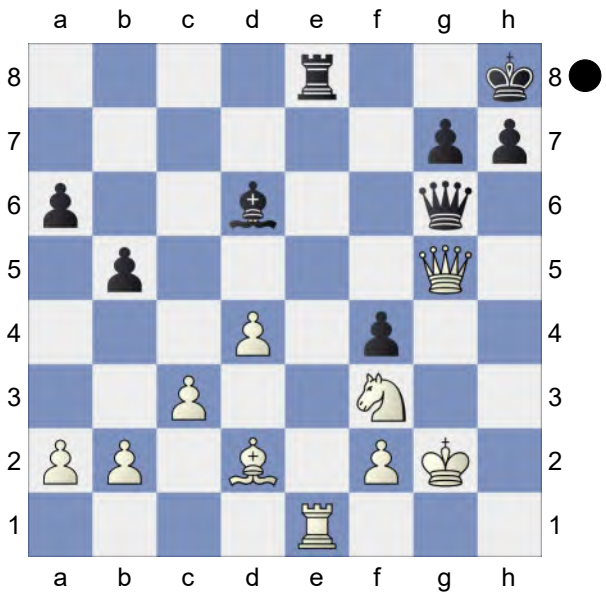


24.Bd2! Qh3+ 25.Kg1 Hoping for Re1.
25...Qg4+? 4.30/25
[25...g5± 1.24/23]



26.Kh2+- White is clearly winning.
26...Qg6 27.Re1 Qh6+ 7.22/23
[⌓27...Rxe1 4.28/22 28.Nxe1 h6]
28.Kg2 Qg6+ 29.Qg5

(Diagram)



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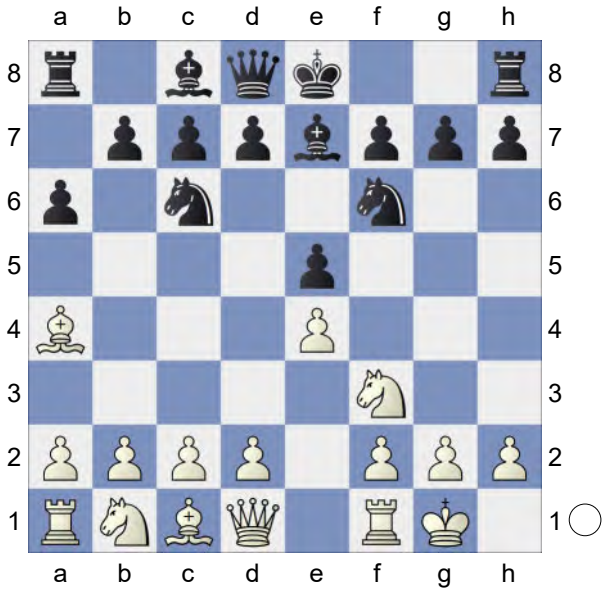
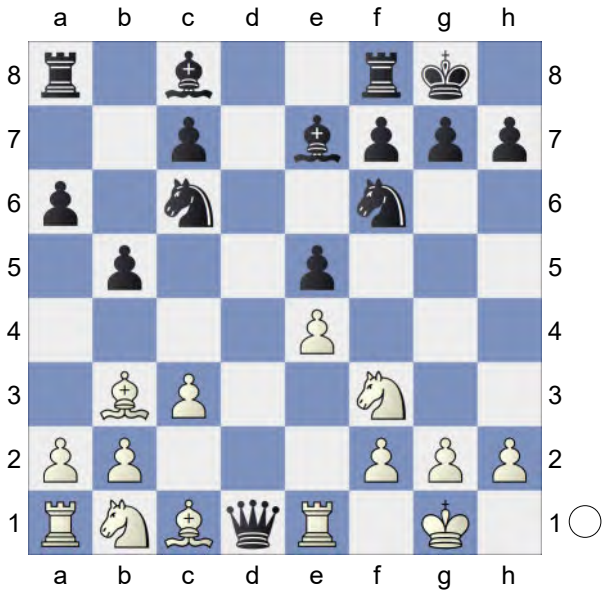
1-0

20 **C89**
□ **Georgiev,Ki** **2553**
■ **Michalik,Peter** **2564**
32. TCh-CRO Div 1b 2024 (4.1) 08.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

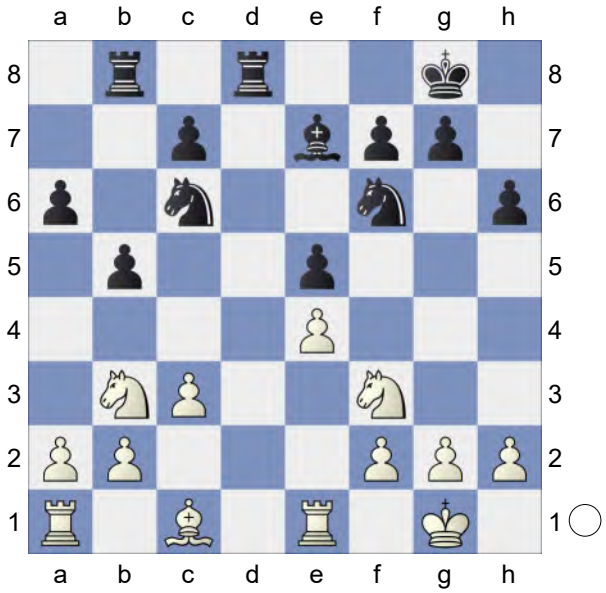
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



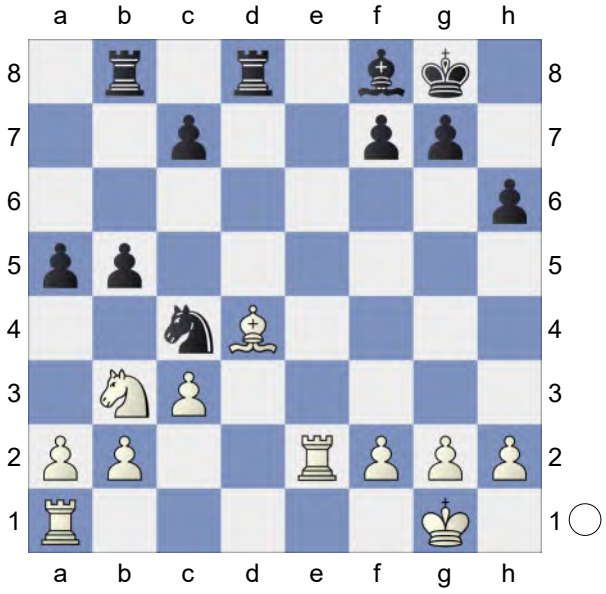
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1



11.Bxd1 h6 12.Nbd2 Rd8 13.Bc2 Be6 Black is slightly better. **14.Bb3N**
[14.Nf1 a5 15.Ne3 a4 Chapter-Games Game - 1]
14...Bxb3! 15.Nxb3 Rab8

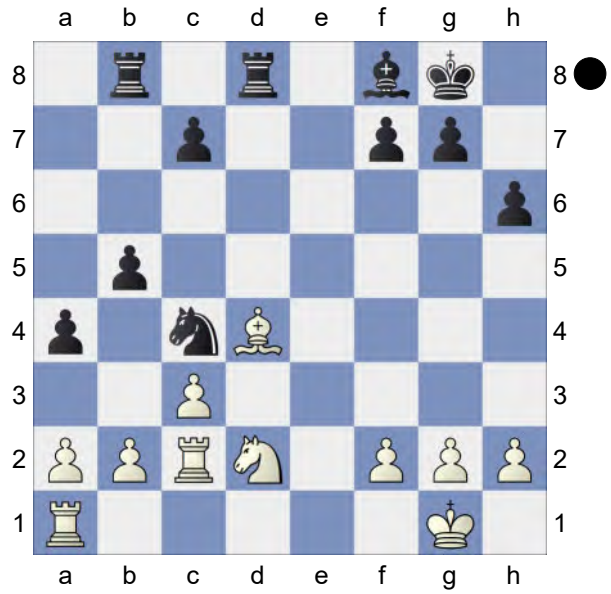


16.Be3 Nxe4 aiming for ...f5. **17.Nxe5! Nxe5 18.Bd4** -0.90/21
[18.Ba7∓ -0.42/22 Ra8 19.Rxe4]
18...Nc4∓ And now ...f5 would win.
[18...Rxd4? 19.cxd4 Nd3 20.Rxe4+-]
19.Rxe4 Bf8 20.Re2 a5



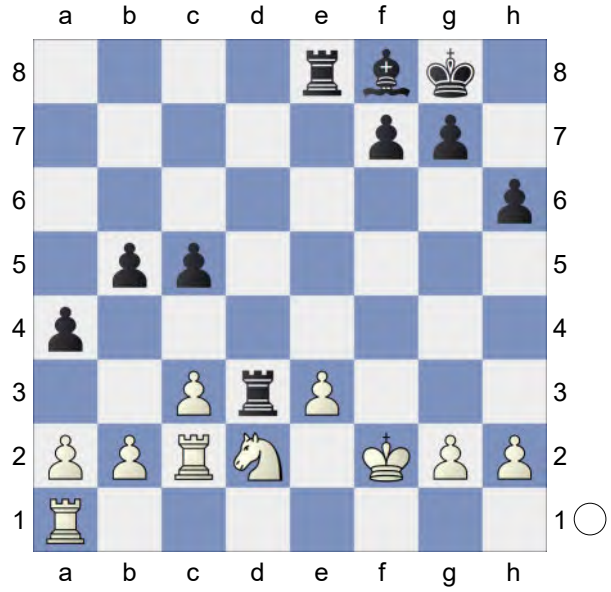
21.Rc2 -1.05/21
[⌓21.Bc5 -0.73/21]

21...a4 22.Nd2



c5! 23.Be3 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Rd3 25.Kf2 Re8 -0.90/21

[⌓25...c4 -1.26/19 26.Nf3 Re8]



26.Re1 -1.39/20

[⌓26.c4 -0.90/21]

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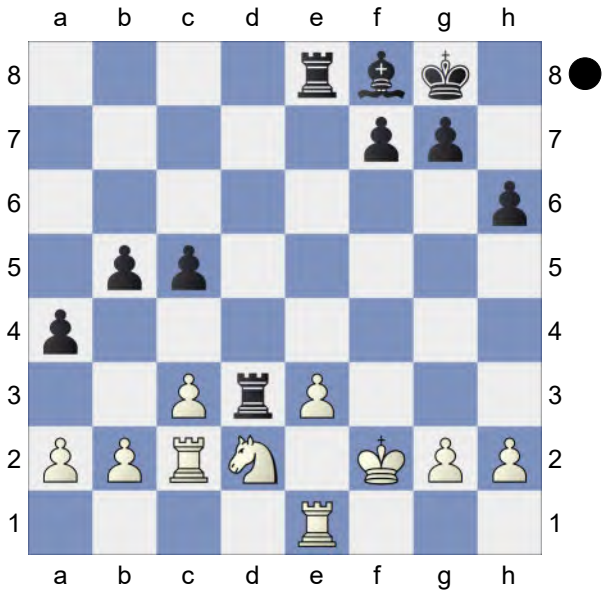


26...g5 -0.87/21

[⌓26...c4! -1.39/20 27.Nf3 a3 28.bxa3 Bxa3]

27.Nf1 Bg7 28.Ke2 Rf8? 6.82/20

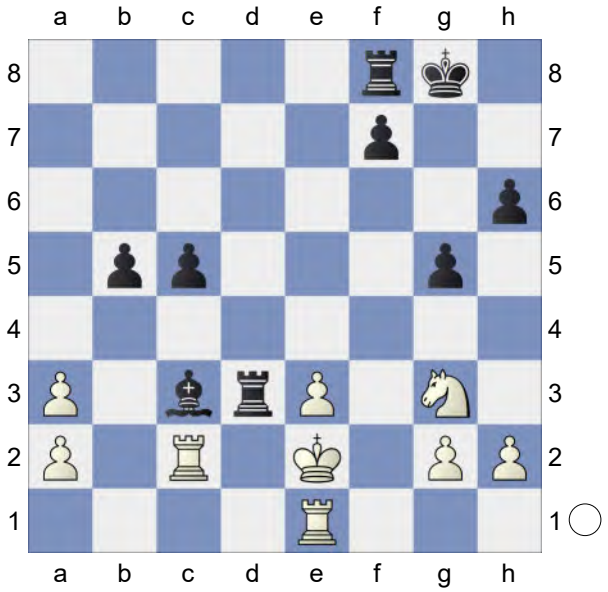
29.Ng3? -0.39/21

[29.Kxd3+- 6.82/20 Rd8+ 30.Ke4]

29...a3? 6.33/22 **30.bxa3?** -0.31/22

[30.Kxd3+- 6.33/22 axb2 31.Nf5]

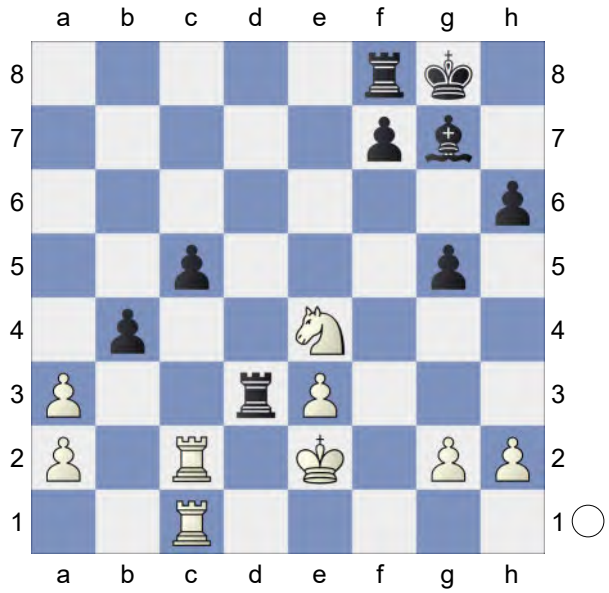
30...Bxc3? 3.82/22



31.Rec1+-

[Not 31.Kxd3 Bxe1 32.Nf5 *(32.Rxc5 Bxg3 33.hxg3 Ra8=)* 32...c4+ 33.Ke2 Ba5±]

31...b4? 7.90/23
[31...c4 3.88/21 32.Rxc3 Ra8 33.Rxd3 cxd3+ 34.Kxd3 Rxa3+ 35.Ke2 Rxa2+ 36.Kf3 b4]
32.Ne4? -1.30/21
[Better is 32.Kxd3+- 7.90/23 Ra8 33.axb4 cxb4 34.Nf5]
32...Bg7? 8.19/25



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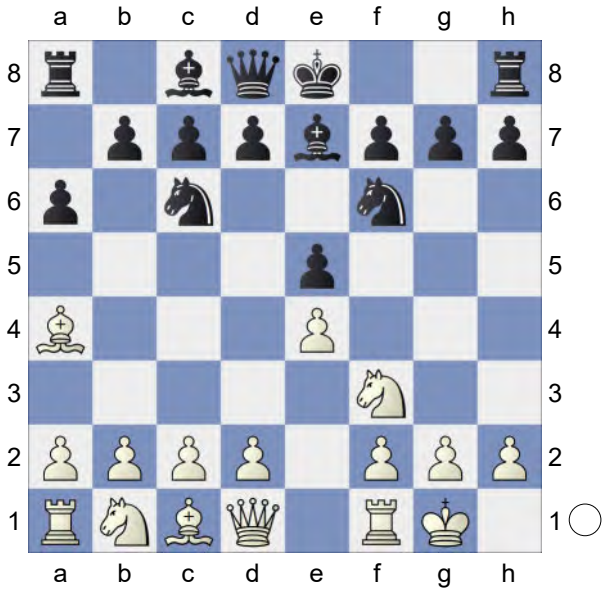
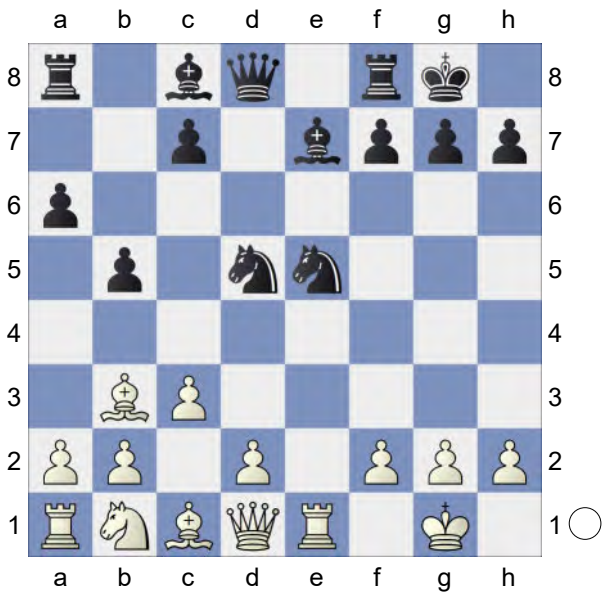
½-½

21 **C89**
□ **Golden_Boom** **2550**
■ **LSChessonTwitch** **2518**
Rapid 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

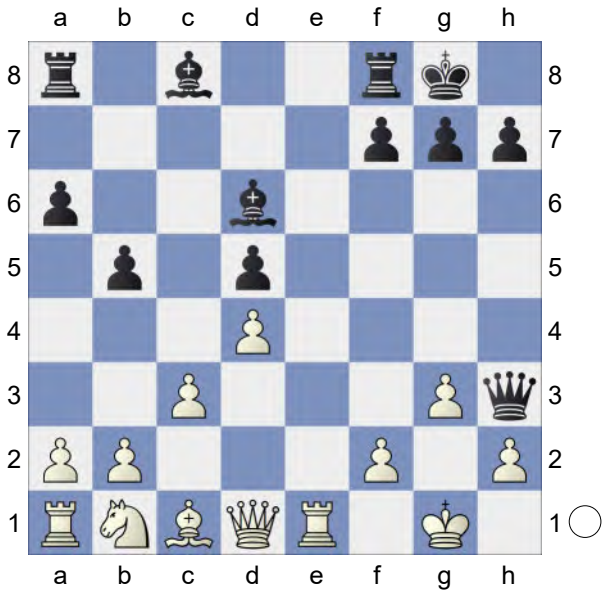
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6
14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3



16.Qf3 Bg4
[16...Bf5 17.Qxd5 Rae8 18.Bd2 Re6 19.Na3 h5 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Qg2 Qxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Be4+ 23.Kf1 h4 24.gxh4 Bxh2 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.b4 Bf3+ 27.Kd3 Bc6 28.Re1 Bd5 29.c4 bxc4+ 30.Nxc4 Be7 31.Re2 Strahl,C (2580)-7.♗d2 ♘d7 8.♕c2 (2355) ICCF corr 1991 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (50)]
17.Qxd5
[17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Be3 Bf3 19.Qf1 f5 20.Nd2 f4 21.Nxf3 fxe3 22.Rxe3 Rxf3 23.Qe2 Raf8 24.Re1 Qf5 25.Rxf3 Qxf3 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Rf1 Bb8 28.Qxa6 Qe2 29.a4 Qxb2 30.axb5 Qxc3 31.Qb6 Qc4 Gawlik,H (2295)-Forbush,R (2227) Leon 2023 15 1... c5: model games [John Watson] 0-1 (36)]
17...Rfe8N 0.89/19
[17...Rad8 18.Qg2 Qh5 19.Be3 *(19.f4 Bf3 20.Qf2 Bb7 21.Be3 Qd5 22.Kf1 Rfe8 23.Nd2 Rd7 24.Qg1 Qf5 25.Re2 Rde7 26.Ke1 Qd3 27.Nf1 Bf3* 0-1 (27) Feigelson-Besman Vladimir 1976*)* 19...Bf3

20.Qf1 f5 21.Nd2 f4 22.Nxf3 fxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxf3 C 89/18 24.Qe2 Rf4 25.Qxh5 1-0 (25) Jaime Chavez,A-Perez Assef,A corr Cuba 1996]

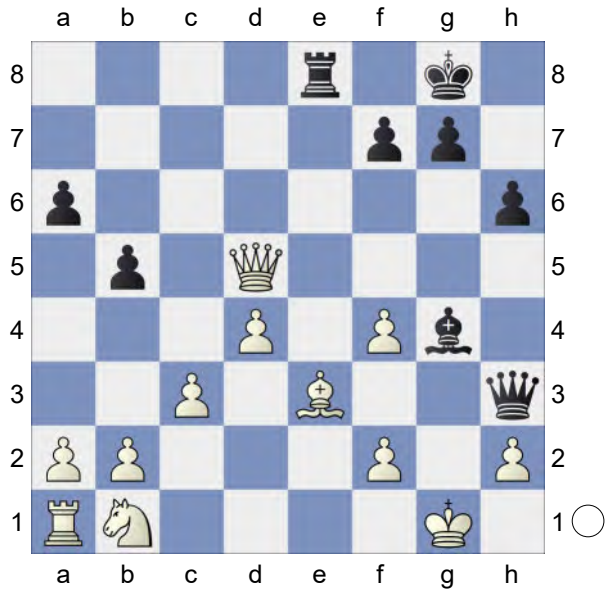
18.Rxe8+ 0.47/23

[18.Be3± 0.89/19]

18...Rxe8± White is slightly better.

19.Be3! Bf4 2.20/22 Loses the game.

20.gxf4+- h6



21.Qg2 Qh5 3.03/23

[21...Rxe3 1.90/24 was called for. 22.fxe3 Qxe3+ 23.Qf2 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Bf5]

22.Nd2 Re6 23.Nf1 Bf3

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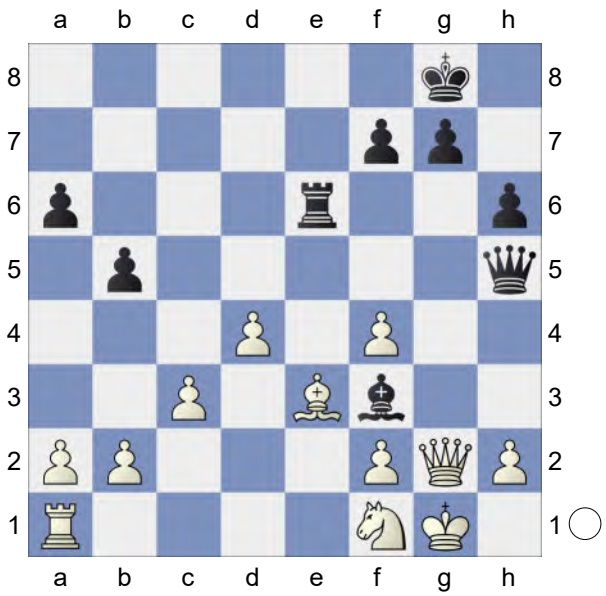
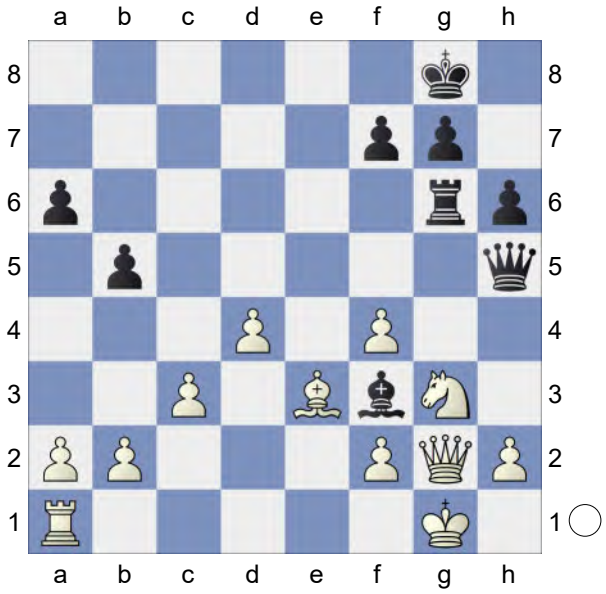


24.Ng3! Rg6



25.Re1! Qd5

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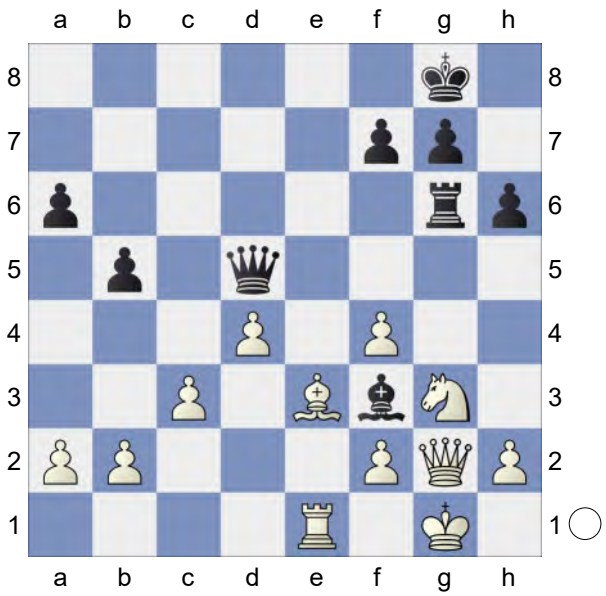
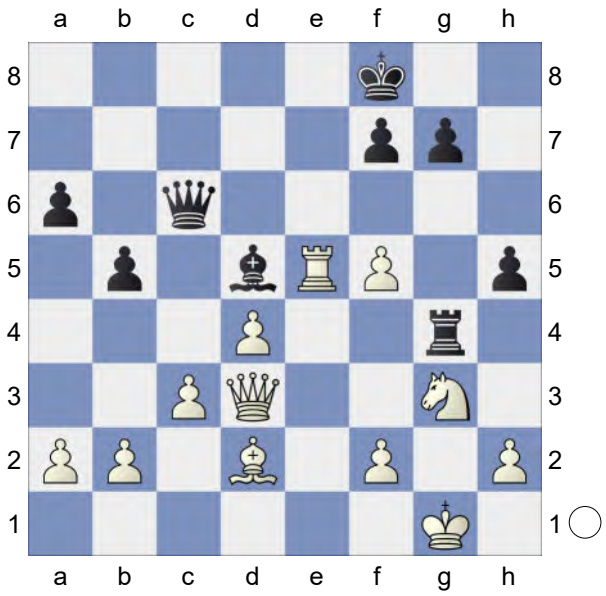


26.Qf1 h5 27.Bd2 Kf8 28.Re5 Qc6 29.Qd3 Bd5 30.f5 Rg4



31.h3 h4 32.hxg4 h3 33.f6 Bh1 34.fxg7+ White mates. **34...Kg8 35.d5 Qd7**

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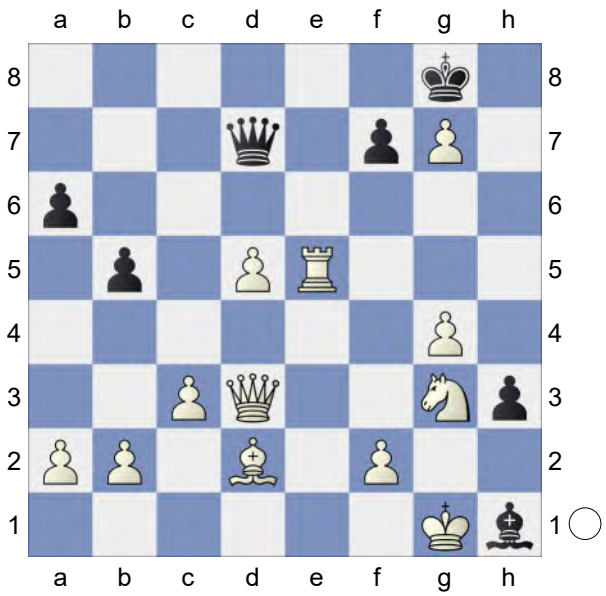
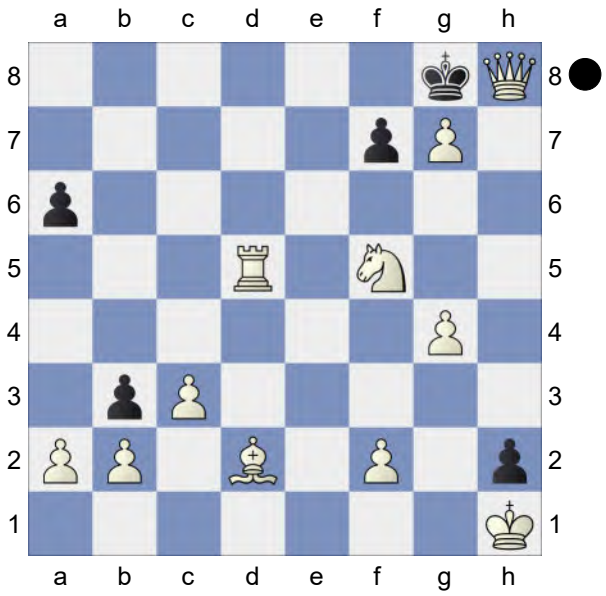


36.Nf5 h2+ 37.Kxh1 b4 38.Qh3 Qxd5+ 39.Rxd5 b3 40.Qh8#



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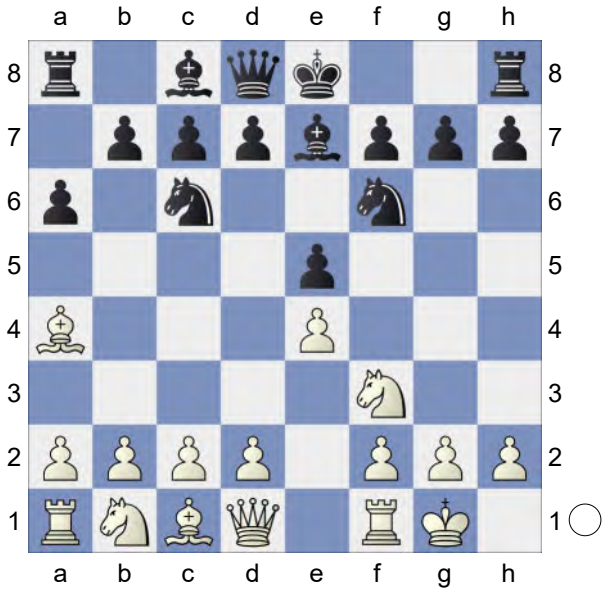
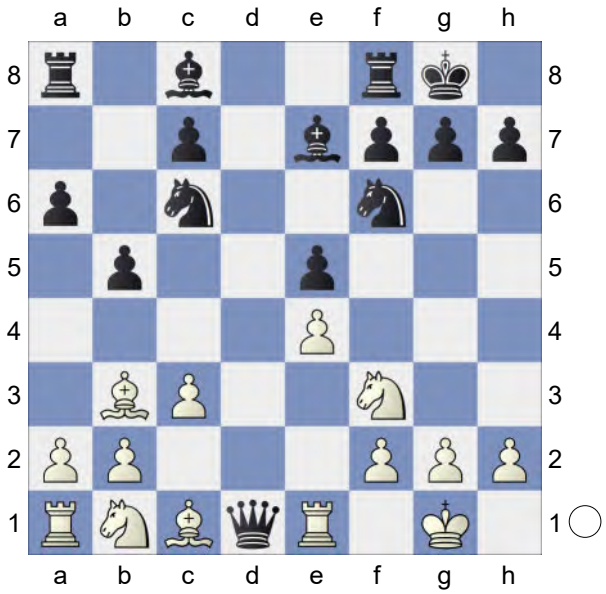
22 **C89**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2633**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2487**
Julius Baer WSCC 2024 (2.15) 02.09.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1



11.Bxd1

[11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+ 0-1 Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) (izt) 49/325 1990 (1)]

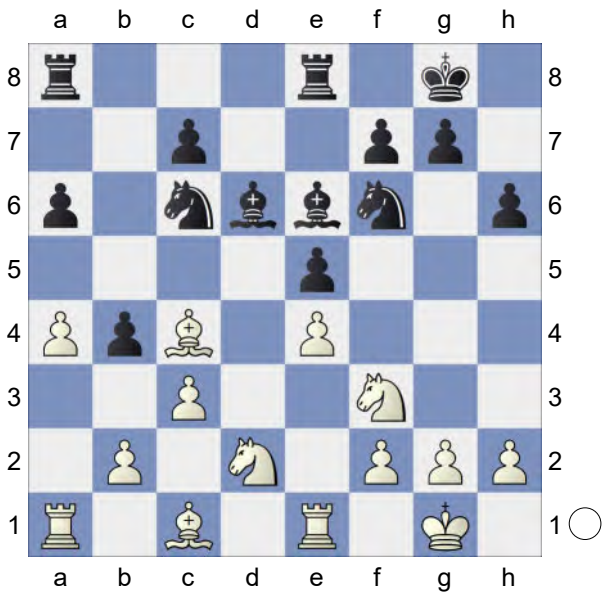
11...h6N

[11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 *(12...Rfd8 13.Bc2 Nd7 14.Nf1 Nc5 15.Ne3 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Rxd3 17.Nd5 Bd6 18.Rf1 f5 19.Ne1 fxe4 20.Ne3 Rd8 21.Nxd3 exd3 22.Nf5 e4 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Bf4 Rd7 25.f3 exf3 26.Rxf3 Ne7 27.Re3* ½-½ 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4-Mozny,M 2.BLW9697 Wattenscheid-Andernach 1997*)* 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6 The Marshall Declined-D3,B 2009]

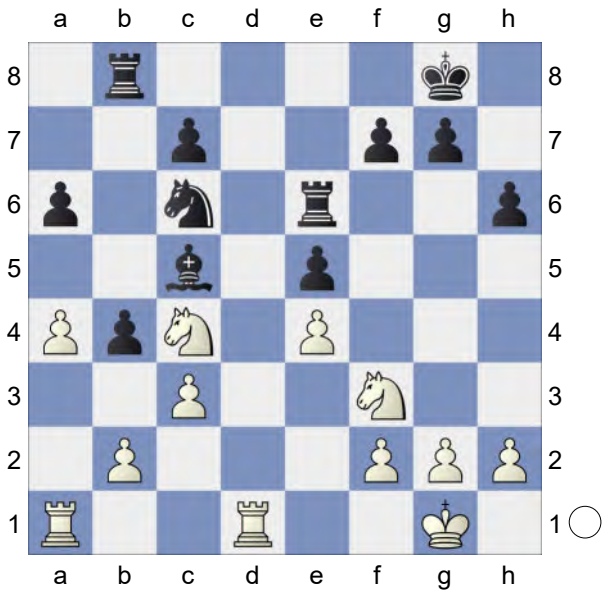
[11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5 1-0 Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y UKR-ch44 Dnepropetrovsk 1975 (3)]

12.a4 a4xb5 is the strong threat.
12...Be6 13.Nbd2 -0.43/20
[13.b4= -0.06/20]
13...b4∓ Black is slightly better. **14.Be2 Bd6 15.Bc4 Rfe8**

(Diagram)



16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.Nc4 Against Nc6-a5
17...Nd7 18.Be3 Nc5 0.50/21
[18...bxc3= -0.07/20 19.bxc3 Bf8]
19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Red1 Rb8



21.Rd5 Bd6 22.Nfd2 0.14/21
[22.Kf1± 0.57/21]
22...bxc3 23.bxc3 f6 24.Kf1 Kf7 25.Ke2 Be7

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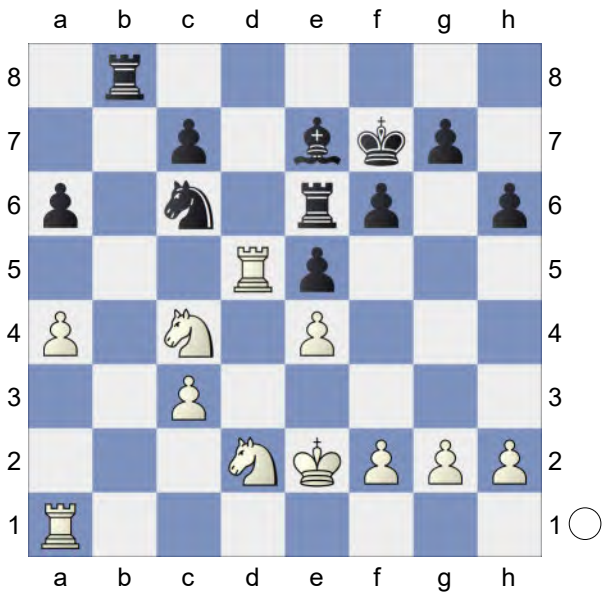
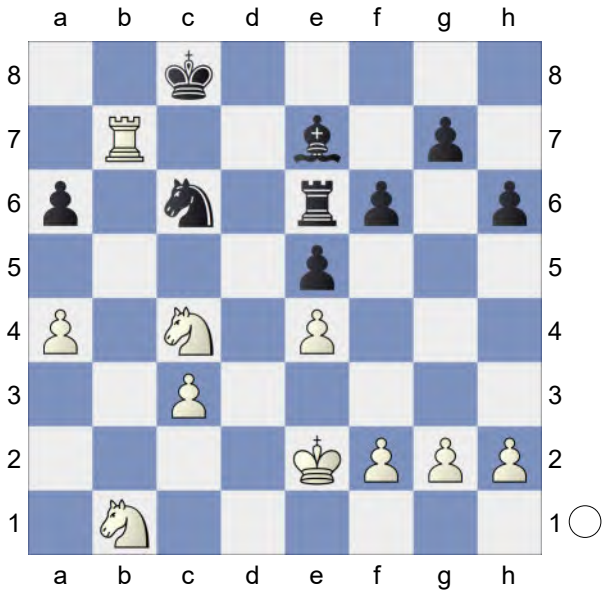
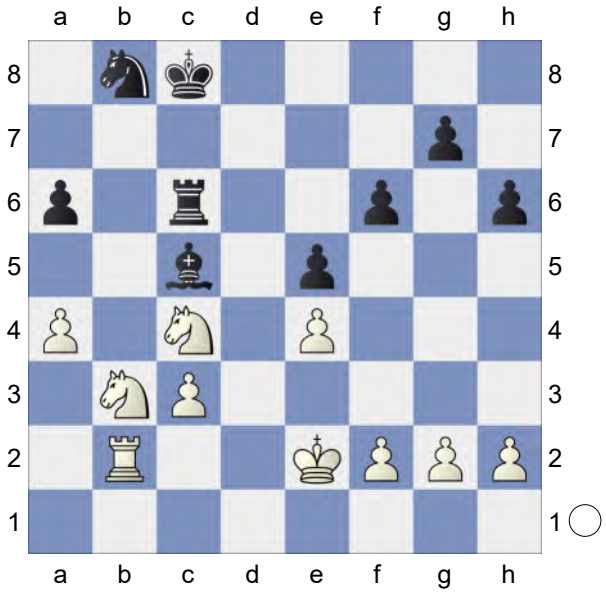


26.Rd7 0.18/21
[26.g3± 0.59/21 is superior.]
26...Rb7 0.93/22
[26...Ke8= 0.18/21 remains equal.
27.Rd5 *(27.Rxc7 Kd8∓)* 27...Nd8]
27.Rb1± White stays focused until the end. **27...Rxb1** 1.57/21
[⌓27...Ra7 0.85/23]
28.Nxb1 Excellent horsemanship.
28...Ke8 29.Rxc7 White is much more active. **29...Kd8 30.Rb7 Kc8**

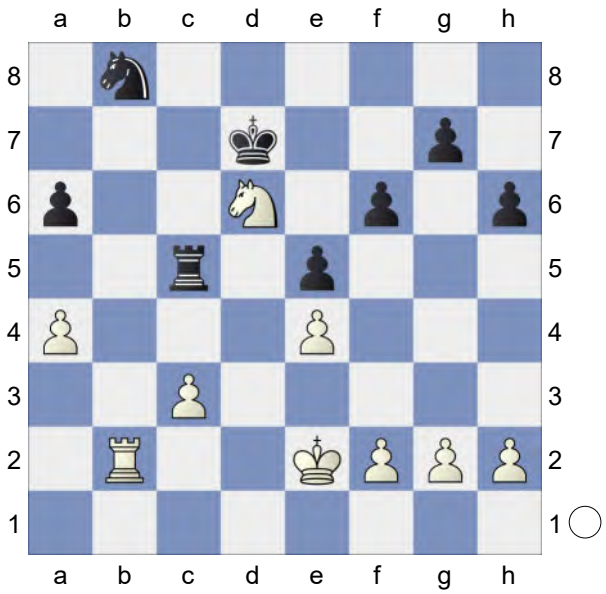


31.Rb2 Bc5 32.Nbd2 Nb8 33.Nb3 Rc6 2.82/23

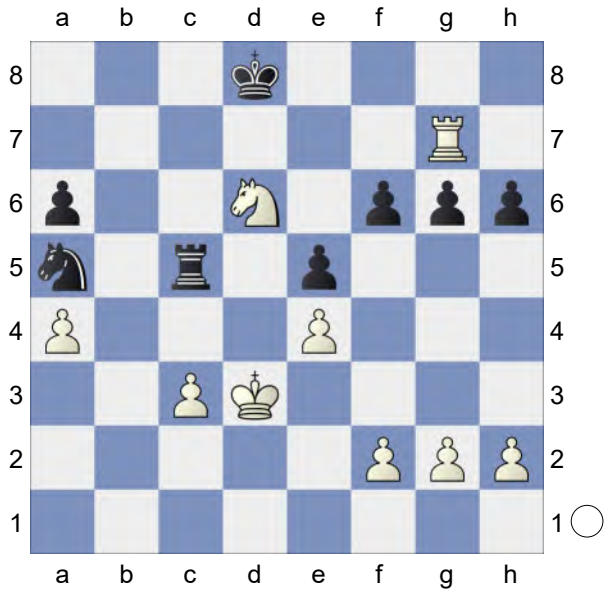
[33...Ba7± 1.46/22 34.Rd2 Kc7]



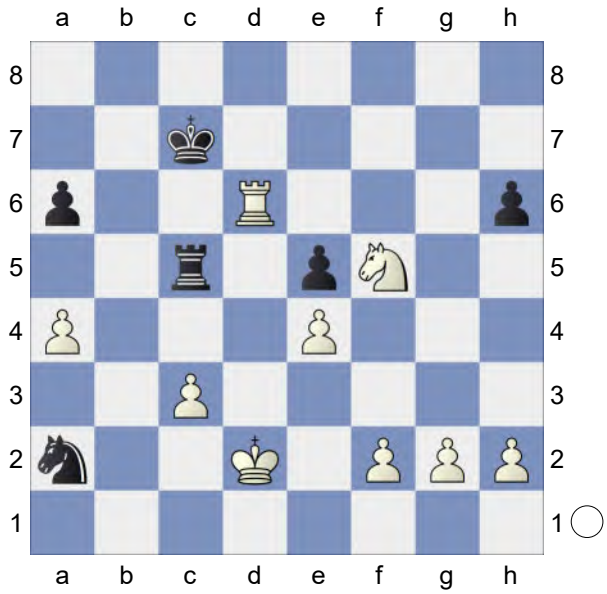
34.Nxc5!+- Rxc5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **35.Nd6+ Kd7**



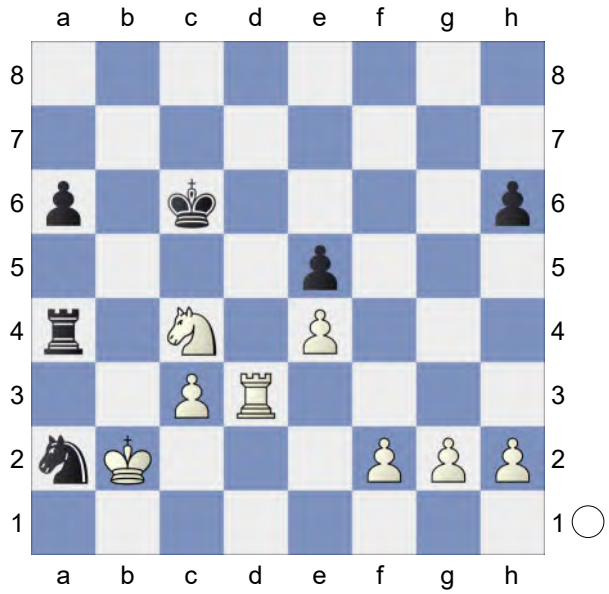
36.Nf5 Nc6 4.11/24
[36...Kc8 2.60/22 keeps fighting. 37.Kd2 *(37.Nxg7 Rxc3 38.g4 Nc6±)* 37...g6]
37.Kd3
[37.Nxg7 Rxc3 38.Nh5 Ra3 39.Nxf6+ Kd6±]
[37.Rb7+ Kd8 38.Kd3 *(38.Rxg7 Rxc3 39.Rf7 h5+-)* 38...Na5 39.Rxg7 Kc8+-]
37...g6 38.Rb7+ White is clearly winning.
[Not 38.Nxh6 Ra5 39.Ra2 Ke6+-]
38...Kc8 39.Nd6+ Kd8 40.Rg7 aiming for Nd6-b7+. **40...Na5**



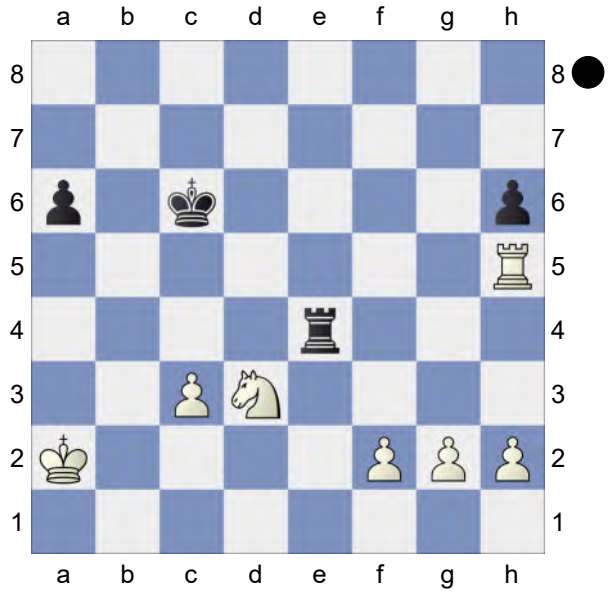
41.Rxg6 Kd7 42.Nf5
[42.Rxf6 Rc6+-]
42...Nb3 43.Rxf6 Nc1+ 44.Kd2 Na2 45.Rd6+ Kc7



46.Rd3 Ra5 47.Kc2 Rxa4 48.Kb2 Ra5 49.Ne3 Kc6 50.Nc4 Deflection **50...Ra4**



51.Nxe5+ Kc5 52.Rd5+ Kb6 53.Nd3 Rxe4 54.Kxa2 Kc6 55.Rh5



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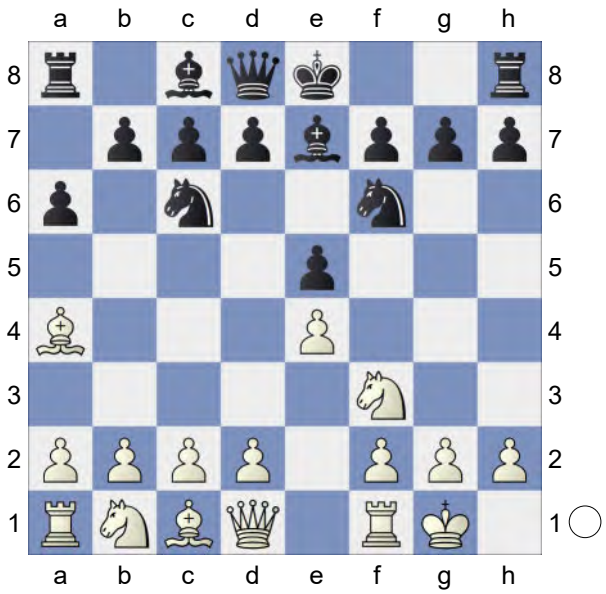
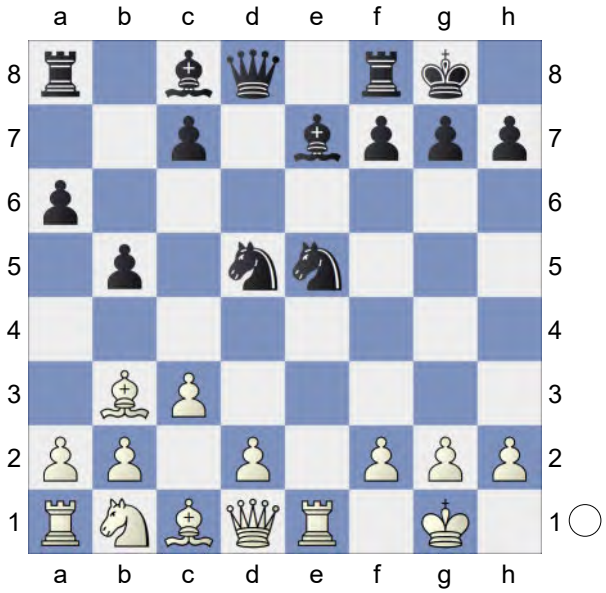
23 **C89**
□ **Hrbek,Stepan** **2405**
■ **Zilka,Stepan** **2532**
Czech Extraliga 2024-2025 (3) 14.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Nd2 Bxd3

[14...Qh4 15.g3 Qg5 16.Ne4±]

[14...Nf4 seems wilder. 15.d4 *(15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3* ½-½ (20) Anand,V (2792)-Leko,P (2751) Mexico City 2007 CBM 120 [Marin,Mihail]*; 15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) Paks 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] 0-1 (52)*)*
15...Qg5 16.g3 Nh3+]

15.Nf3 Bf5N

[15...Bg6 16.Bg5 Qd7 *(16...Nf6 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 h6 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6* Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Izmir 2004 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com] ½-½ (40) *)* 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 h6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Bf5 23.Bg3 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Ne3 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Bc7 Nxd1 29.Bxd8 Be6 30.Bxa6 Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 33/(468) 1982 CI1-130 [INF 33/468; Revista da Sah 1960] (50)]

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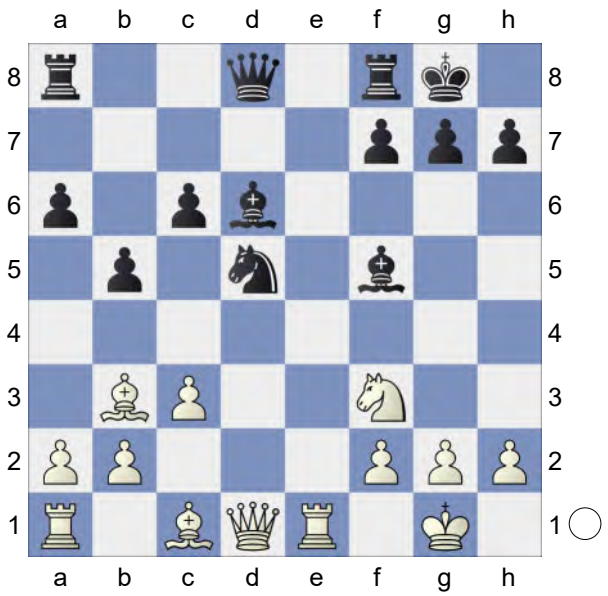
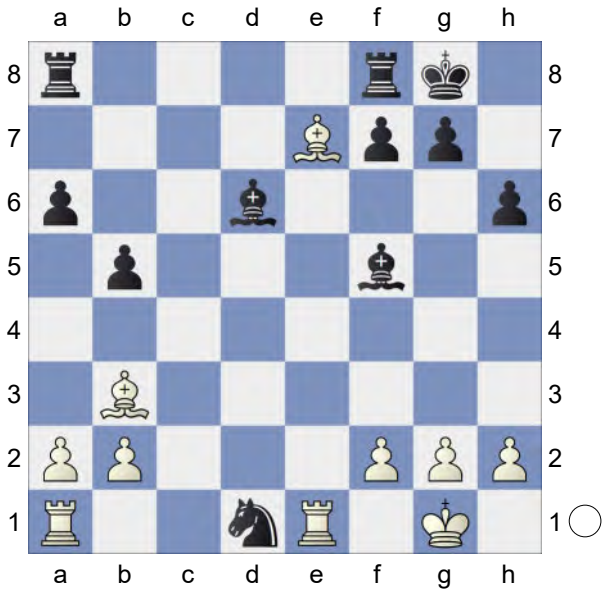


16.Bg5 White has an edge. **16...Qd7**
17.Nd4 next Nxc6! is good for White.
17...h6 1.22/21
[17...Rfe8= 0.03/19 remains equal.]
18.Nxc6!± Nxc3 1.76/23 **19.Ne7++- Qxe7 20.Bxe7 Nxd1**



21.Bxf8
[21.Raxd1 Bxe7 22.Rxe7 Rac8=]
21...Kxf8 22.Raxd1 Be7 23.Rc1 Ra7
Prevents Rc7. **24.Rc6 g6 25.Rec1**
Black must now prevent Rc7. **25...Bd8**

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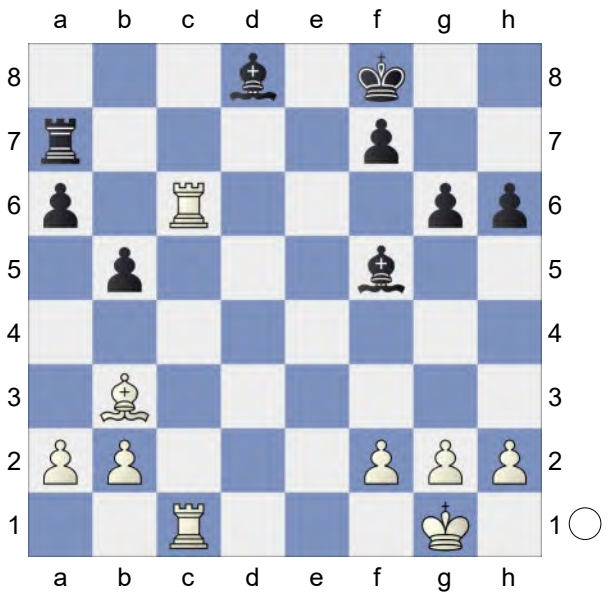
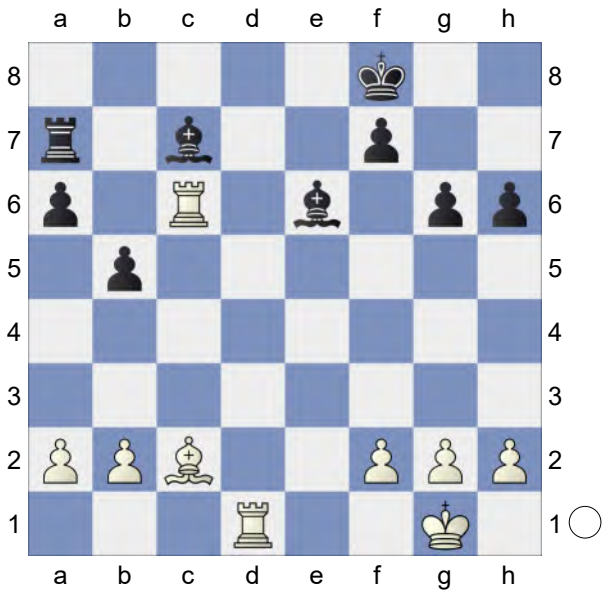


26.Rd1 Bc7 2.20/23
[⌓26...Bg5 1.66/20 27.h3 Kg7]
27.Bc2 Hoping for Bxf5. **27...Be6**



28.Bxg6! Bxa2 29.Bf5 Be5 30.Rd7
[30.Rxh6?! Bxb2 31.Rd8+ Ke7±]
30...Ra8

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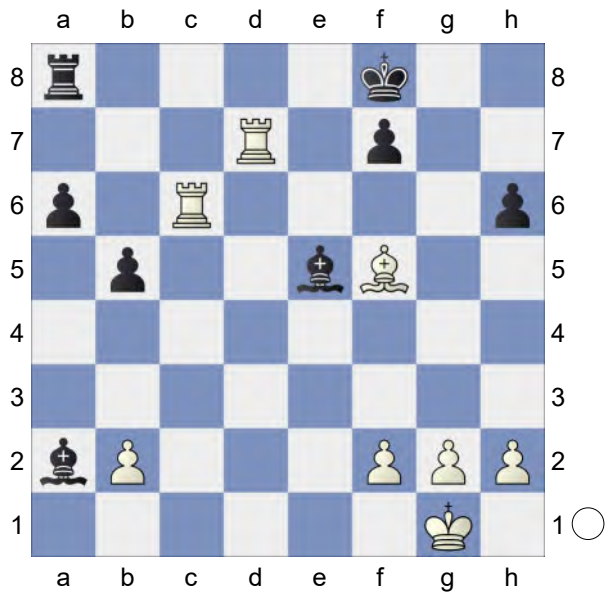
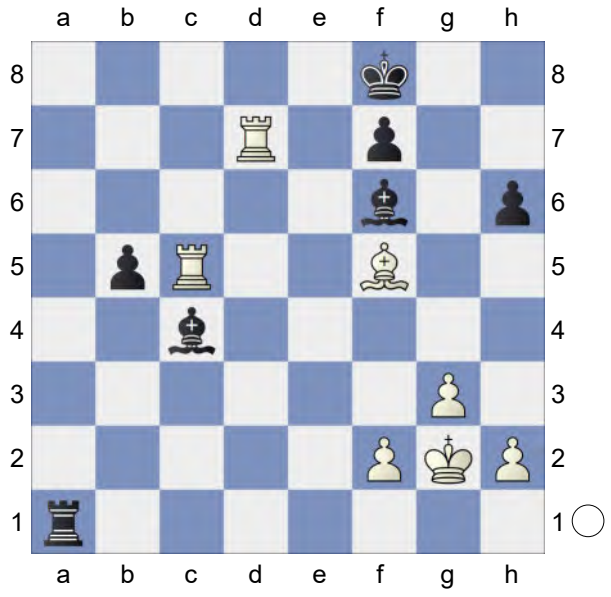
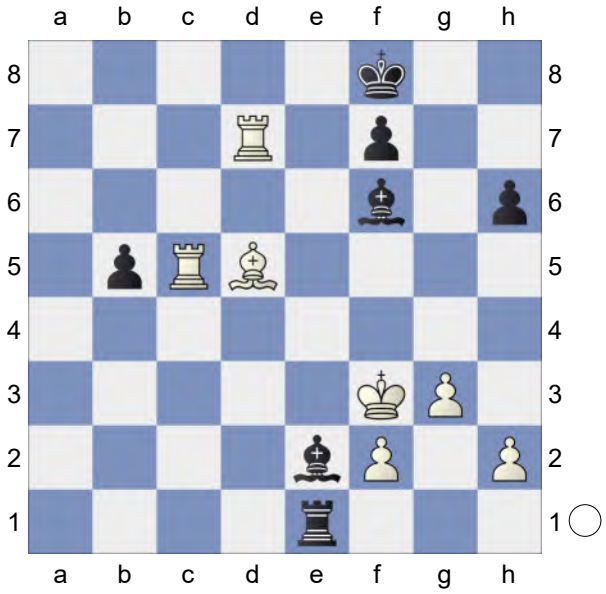


31.b4 Strongly threatening g3.
[31.Rxh6?! Bxb2 32.Rb6 Bc4+-]
31...a5 32.Rc5
[32.Rxh6?! a4±]
32...Bf6 33.bxa5
[Resist 33.Rxb5 axb4 34.g3 *(34.Rxb4 Be6±)* 34...Bc3+-]
33...Rxa5 34.g3 Bc4 35.Kg2 Ra1

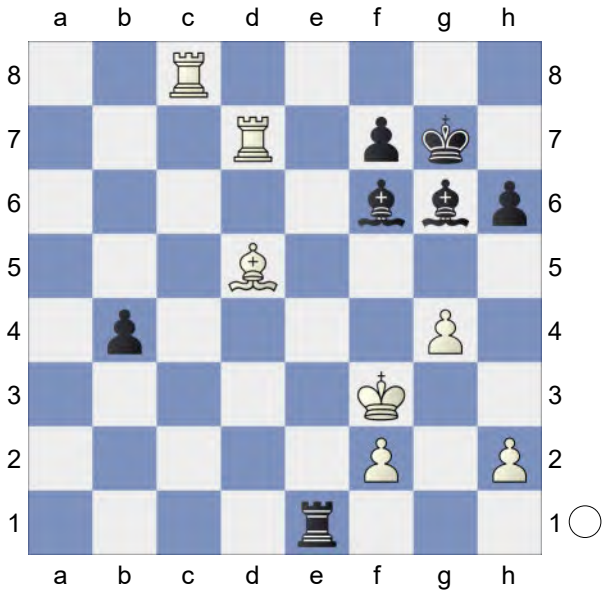


36.Be4 And now Bd5 would win.
36...Re1 37.Bd5 Bf1+ 38.Kf3 Be2+
39.Kg2? -0.01/19
[39.Kf4+- 2.61/24 Bg5+ 40.Kf5 Bd3+ 41.Kg4]

39...Bf1+= A strong pair of Bishops.
40.Kf3 Be2+



Black cannot hold the game after this.
41.Kf4 Bh5 42.g4
[But not 42.Rxb5?! Be5+ 43.Kf5 Bg6+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kh3 Be8+-]
42...Bg6 43.Kf3 b4 44.Rc8+ Kg7 5.00/22
[⌓44...Re8 3.55/23]



45.Bxf7!+- Bxf7

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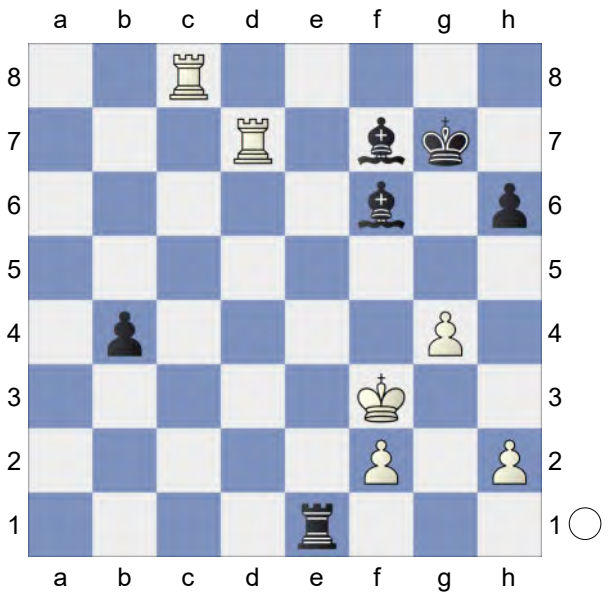
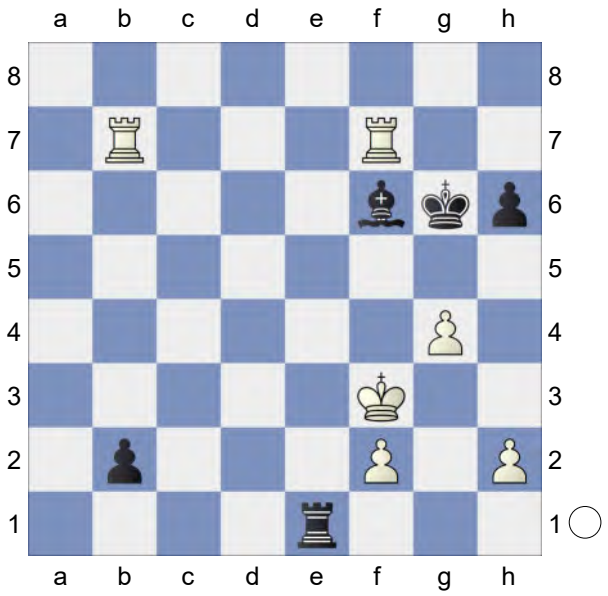


46.Rcc7 b3 47.Rxf7+ Endgame KRR-KRB **47...Kg6 48.Rb7 b2**



49.Rxf6+! Kxf6 50.Rxb2 KR-KR **50...Rg1** 5.52/26

[50...h5 3.43/24 is a better defense. 51.Rb6+ Kf7 52.gxh5 Re5]

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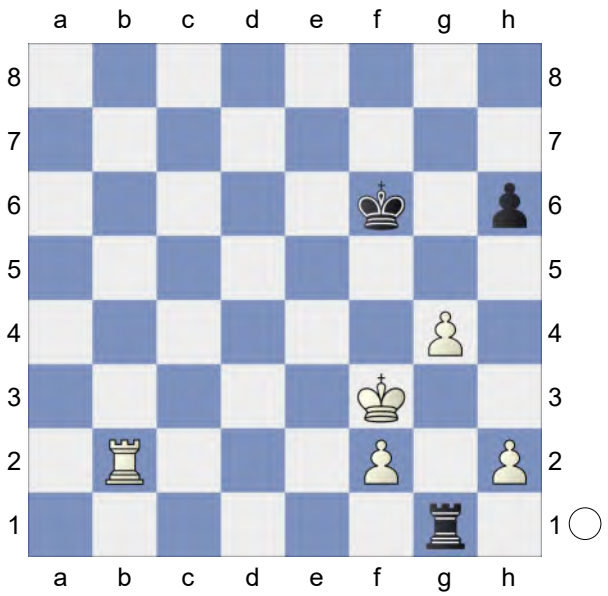
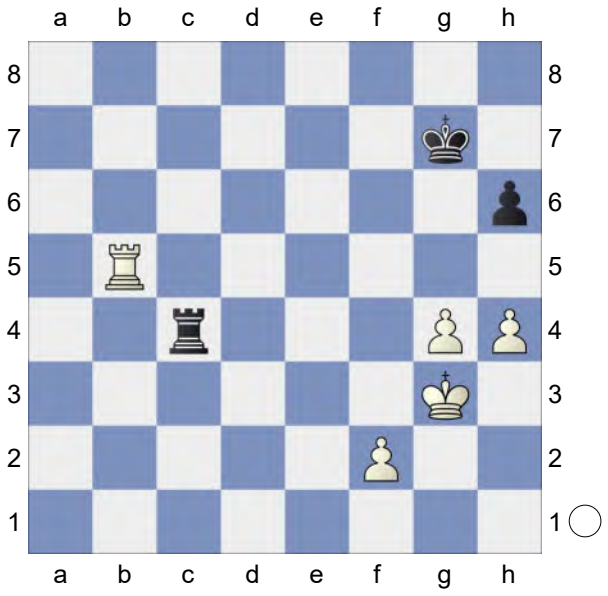


51.Rb6+ White is clearly winning. **51...Kg7 52.Rb5 Rh1 53.Kg2 Ra1 54.h4 Ra4 55.Kg3** Threatens to win with Rb7+. **55...Rc4** 7.54/24

[⌓55...Ra7 4.61/25 56.f3 Kh7]



56.Rb7+ Kg8 57.g5

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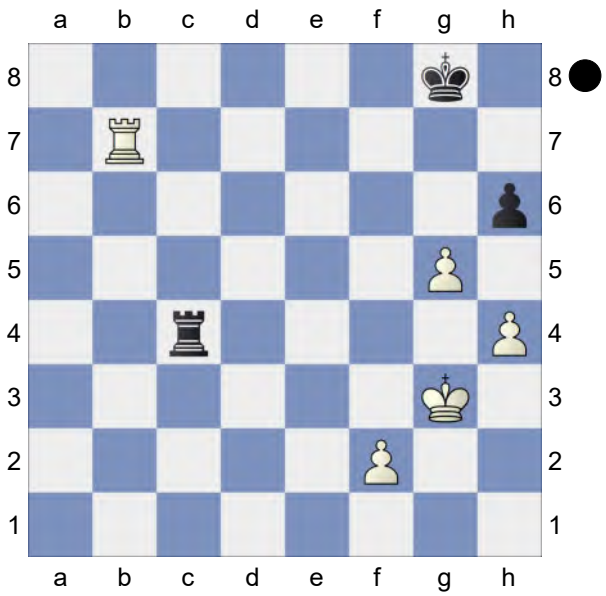

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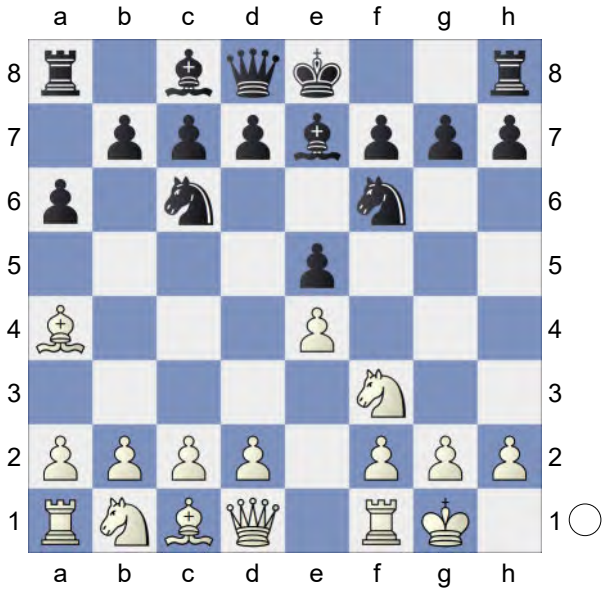
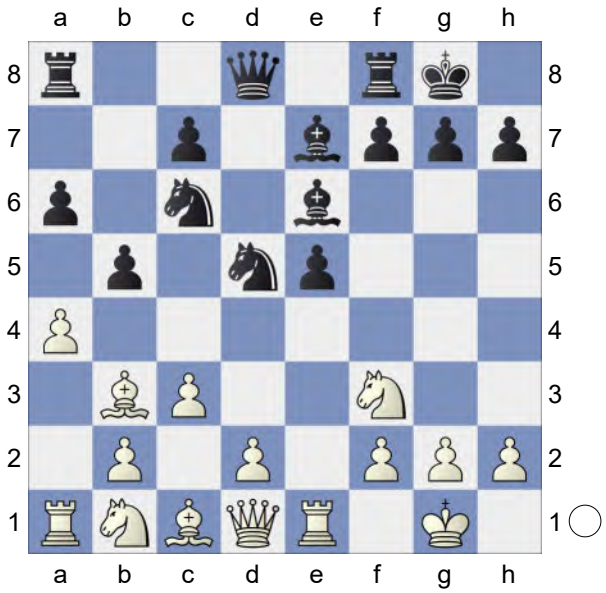
24 **C89**
□ **InanisBot** **2563**
■ **ArasanX** **3038**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 '' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

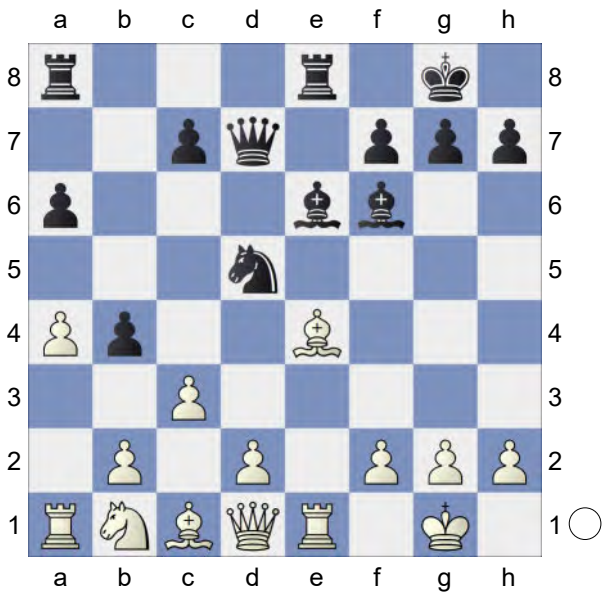


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 0.05/17
[10.Nxe5± 0.46/17 Nxe5 11.Rxe5]
10...Be6N
[10...Bb7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d3 *(13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 Na5 16.Ba2 Nc4 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.d3 Nb6 19.Bb2 Na4 20.Ba1 h6 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ Bd5 24.Qxb5 Nc5 25.c4 Nxd3 26.c5 Nxc5 27.Bxe5 Qb6* Adamczyk,W-De Jongh,H email 1998 UltraCorr3a [H. de Jongh] ½-½ *)* 13...Bf6 14.Nbd2 *(14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Bd2 bxc3 17.bxc3 e4 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.dxe4 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Bxc3 22.Kf1 Nb4 23.Ncd2 Kf8 24.Ke2 c5 25.Ke3 Ke7 26.Bb3 Bc6 27.Bc4 Nc2+ 28.Kd3 Bxd2* Sodomski,A (2184)-Taylor,T (2313) ICCF Email thematic 2003 UltraCorr3a [Taylor] 0-1 (58) *)* 14...Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Qb1 *(19...Nd4 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 28.h6 Ne2+ 29.Kh2 Nef4 30.g3 Bd5 31.Qe7 Ne6 32.hxg7 Nxg7 33.Qd7 Bc4 34.Bh6* Piket,J (2615)-Blatny,P (2480) Debrecen 1992 EU-chT [Blatny, Pavel] ½-½ (43) *)* 20.h4 Nxg2 21.Kh2 Nxh4 22.Nxe5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8 The Marshall Declined-D: 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 a4 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]



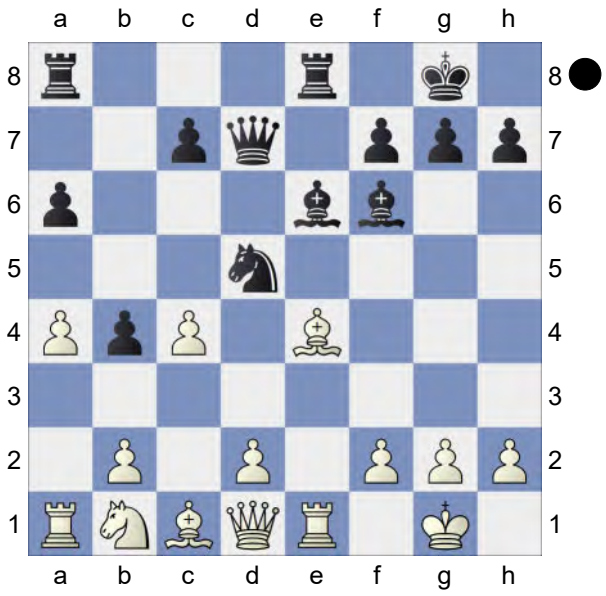
11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bf6
The position is equal. **13.Re1 Re8**
Black wants to play ...Nxc3! **14.Bc2 b4 15.Be4 Qd7**

(Diagram)



16.c4 -1.03/19

[16.d4= -0.02/18 keeps the balance.]



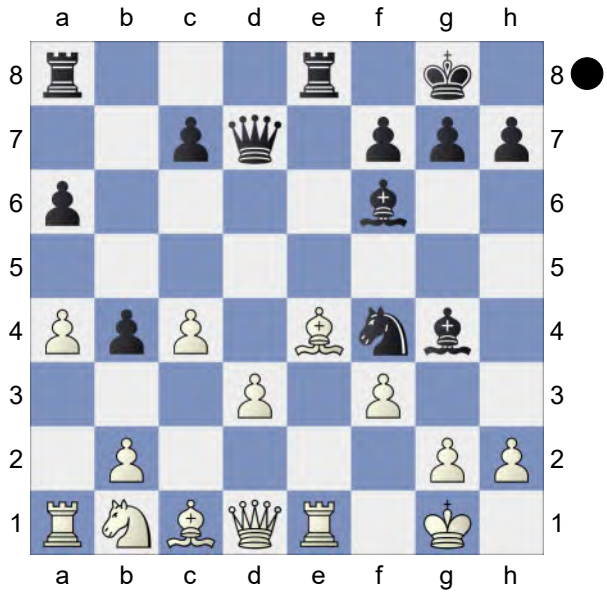
16...Bg4!∓ 17.f3 Nf4 &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed.

[17...Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Bf2 19.cxd5∓ *(19.fxg4? Bxe1 20.d3 Ne3-+)*]

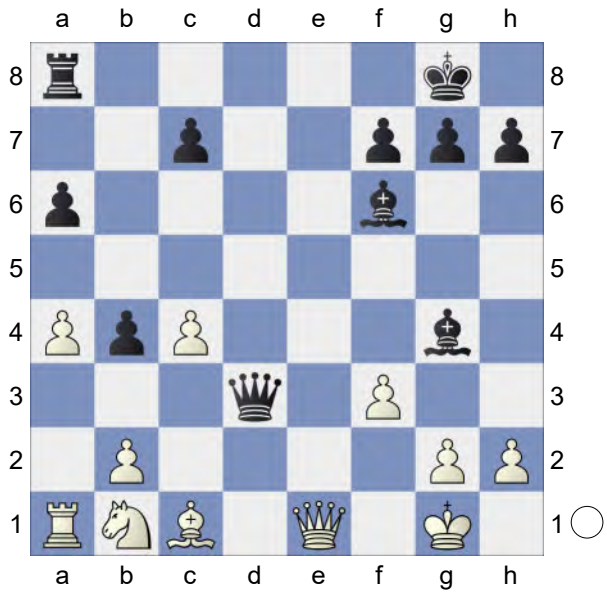
18.d3 -1.62/20

[Don't blunder 18.fxg4? Qd4+ 19.Re3 Rxe4-+]

[18.Bxa8∓ -0.98/23 was called for. Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1]



18...Nxd3!-+ 19.Bxd3 Hoping for Rxe8+. **19...Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Qxd3**



21.fxg4

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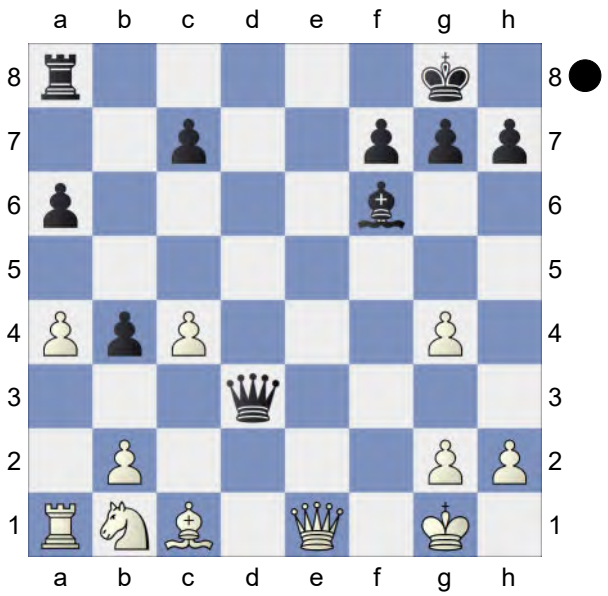
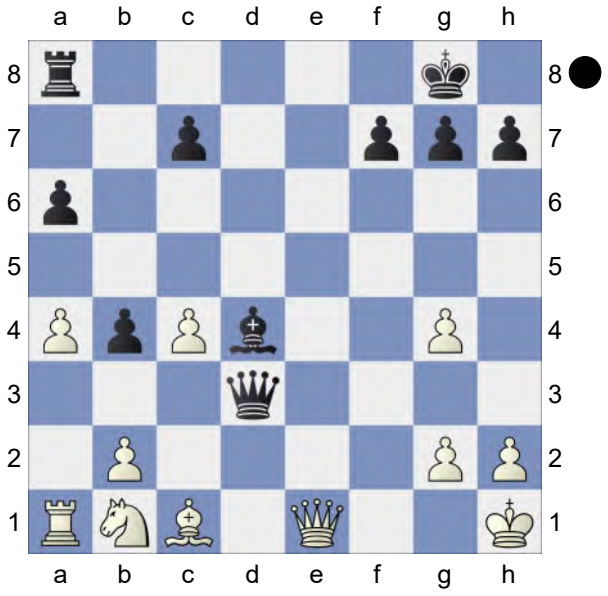


Bd4+! 22.Kh1



Kf8! 23.Bd2

[23.Qxb4+? c5 24.Qe1 Re8-+]

23...c5→ Black has strong attack.

24.Qd1? -5.57/23 This move loses the game for White.

[Not 24.Bg5? Re8 25.Nd2 *(25.Qc1? Bxb2 26.Qg1 Bd4-+)* 25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 f6-+]

[24.Nc3∓ -1.20/22 Re8 25.Qc1]

24...Bxb2 25.Ra2 Bd4

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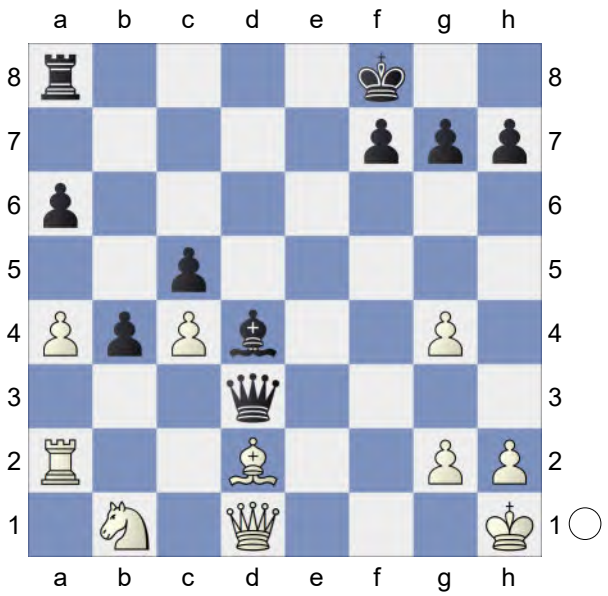
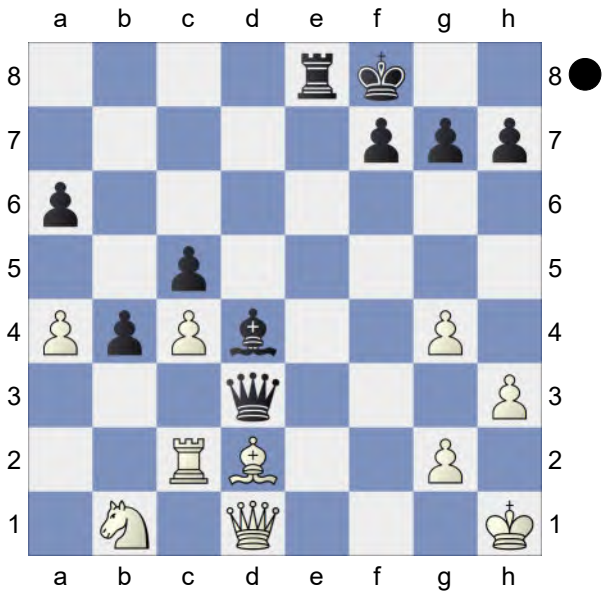


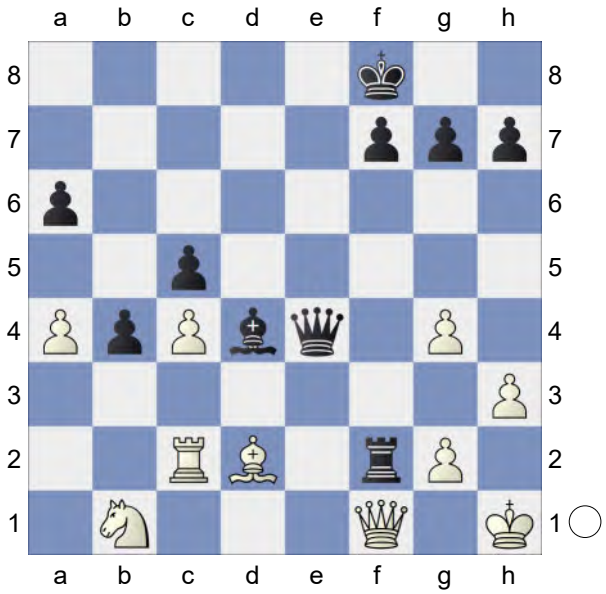
26.h3 Re8 Strongly threatening ...Bf2.

27.Rc2

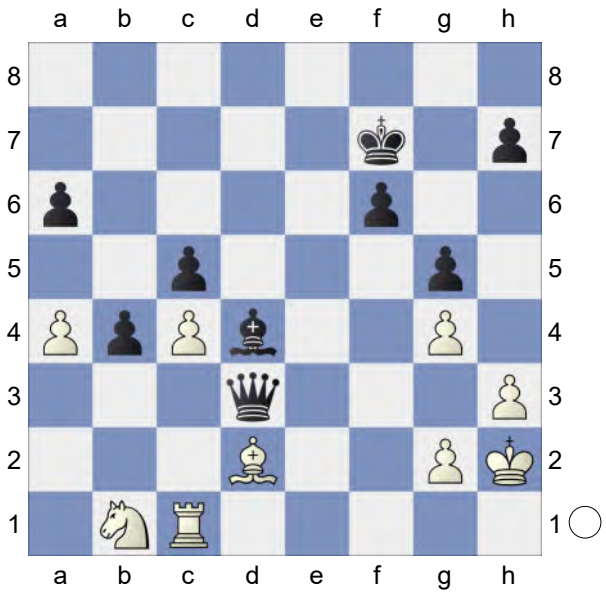


Re3! 28.Kh2 Re2 29.Qf1 Qe4 30.Kh1 Rf2

(Diagram)

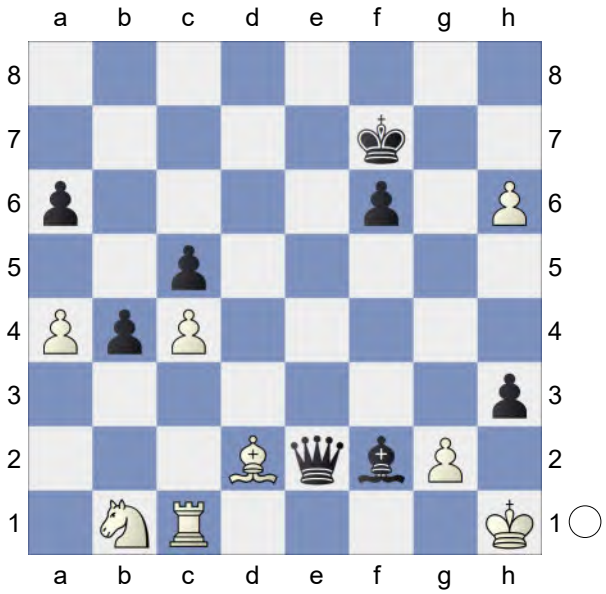


31.Rc1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qd3 33.Rd1 g5 And now ...b3 would win. **34.Rc1 f6 35.Kh2 Kf7**

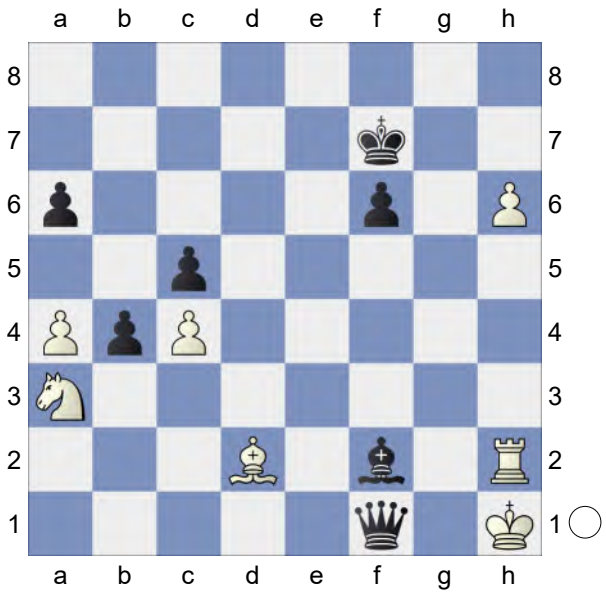


36.Rd1 Bf2 37.Rc1 Qe2 Threatens to win with ...b3. **38.Kh1 h5 39.gxh5 g4 40.h6 gxh3**

(Diagram)



(-> ...Qe4) **41.Na3 Qg4** Black mates. **42.Rg1 hxg2+ 43.Rxg2 Qh3+ 44.Rh2 Qf1#**



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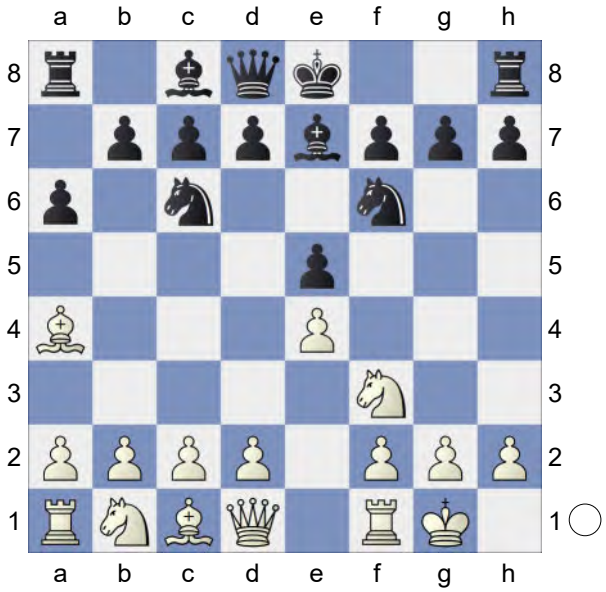
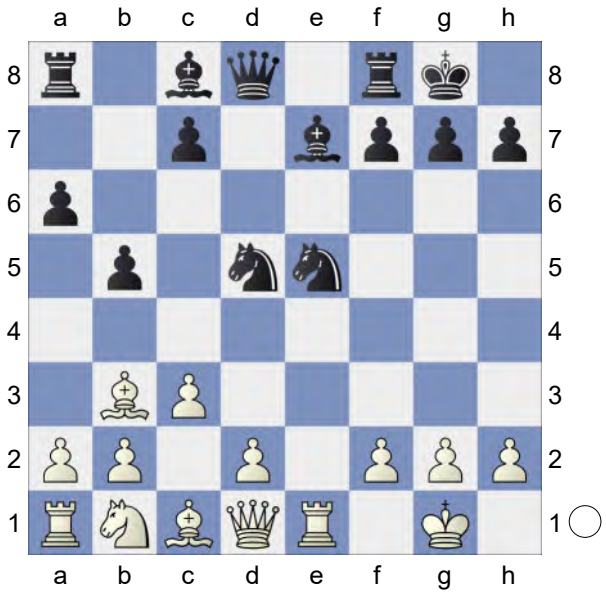
25 **C89**
□ **IntegralBot** **2935**
■ **PatriciaBot** **2721**
Blitz 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

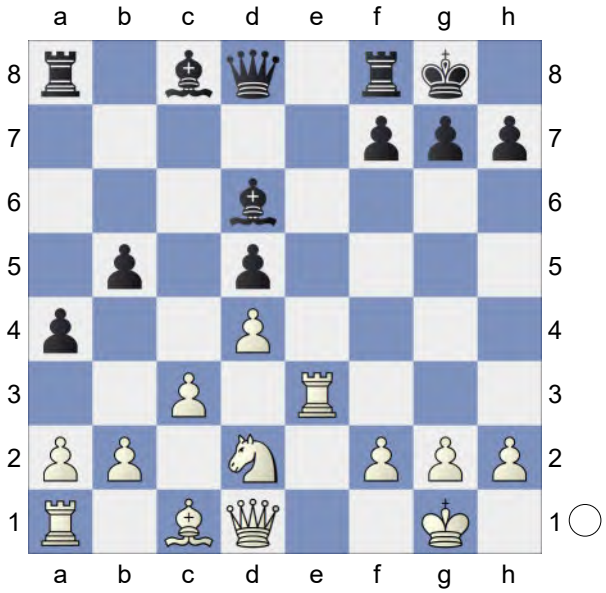
Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

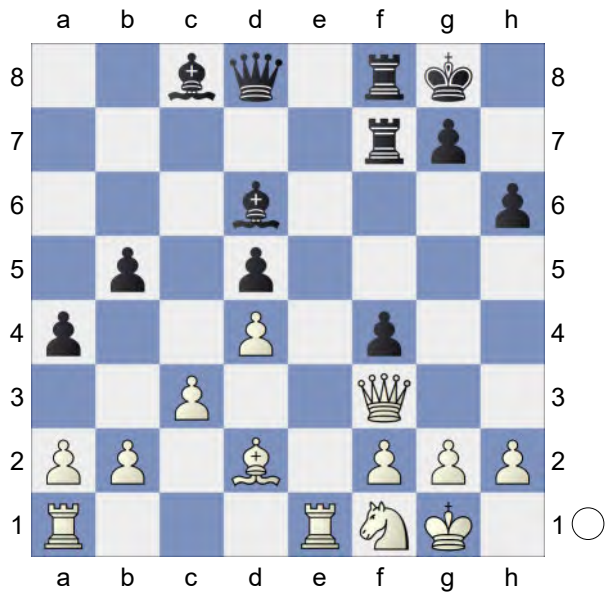


11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6
14.Re3 a5
[14...f5 15.Nd2 f4 16.Re1 Qg5 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Ne5 Qh6 19.Qf3 Be6 20.Bd2 Rae8 21.a4 Rf5 22.axb5 axb5 23.b3 Qf6 24.h3 h5 25.Ra5 g5 26.Rxb5 g4 27.hxg4 hxg4 28.Nxg4 Qh4 29.Rb6 Monnard,L-Meinsohn,F (2205) Puteaux 1980 EXT 2007 [Primel, Dominique] 1-0]
15.Nd2N
[15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Ra6 17.Re1 Bf5 18.Ra1 Qh4 19.g3 Qh3 20.Qe2 Rfa8 21.Nd2 h5 22.Qf1 Qg4 23.Qg2 h4 24.f3 Qg6 25.g4 Bd3 26.Nf1 f5 C 89/07]
15...a4

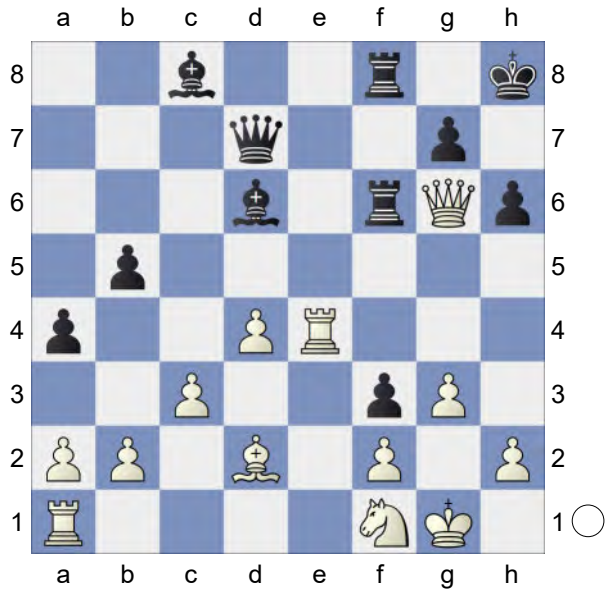


16.Nf1 f5 The position is equal. **17.Qh5** Strongly threatening Rh3. **17...Ra7 18.Bd2 Raf7 19.Ree1**
[Much weaker is 19.Rh3 g6 20.Qh4 f4 21.Qxd8 Rxd8∓]
19...h6 0.59/18
[19...Qd7= 0.24/19]
20.Qf3± f4

(Diagram)

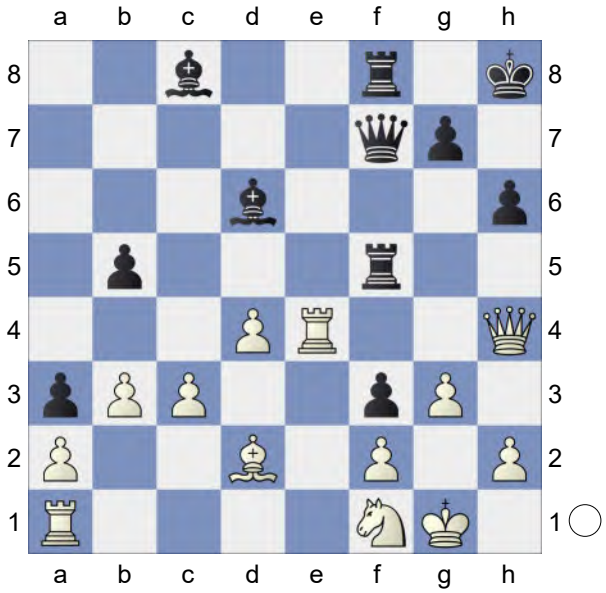


21.Qxd5 f3 22.g3 Qd7 23.Qh5 Rf5 24.Qg6 0.13/21
[24.Qh4± 0.48/21]
24...Kh8 0.54/20
[24...R5f6= 0.13/21 25.Qd3 Rf5]
25.Re4 0.22/21
[25.Qg4± 0.54/20]
25...R5f6=

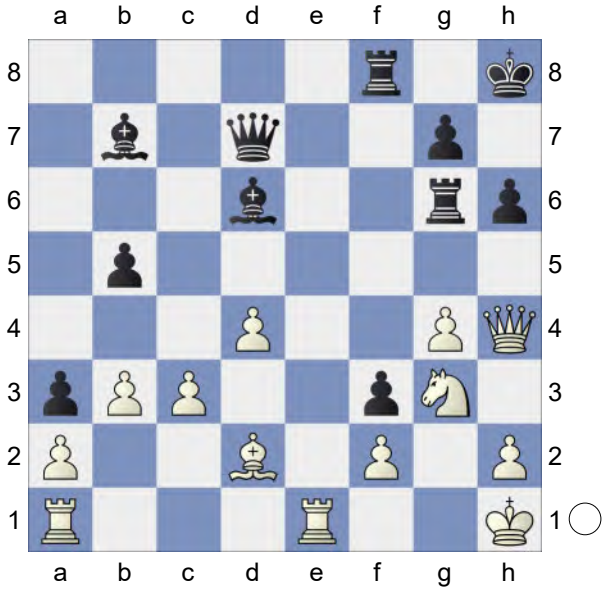


26.Qh5 Rf5 27.Qg6 a3 0.73/22
[27...R5f6= 0.01/18 28.Qh5 Rf5]
28.b3 0.41/22
[Better is 28.bxa3± 0.73/22 R5f6 29.Qh5]

28...R5f6J Black is fighting back **29.Qh5 Rf5 30.Qh4** aiming for Bxh6! **30...Qf7!**



31.g4 Prevents Rh5. **31...Rf6 32.Ng3 Rg6 33.Kh1 Bb7 34.Ree1 Qd7** 0.84/21
[34...Bc8!= 0.21/20 35.g5 Kh7]



35.g5!± White stays focused until the end. **35...Kh7**

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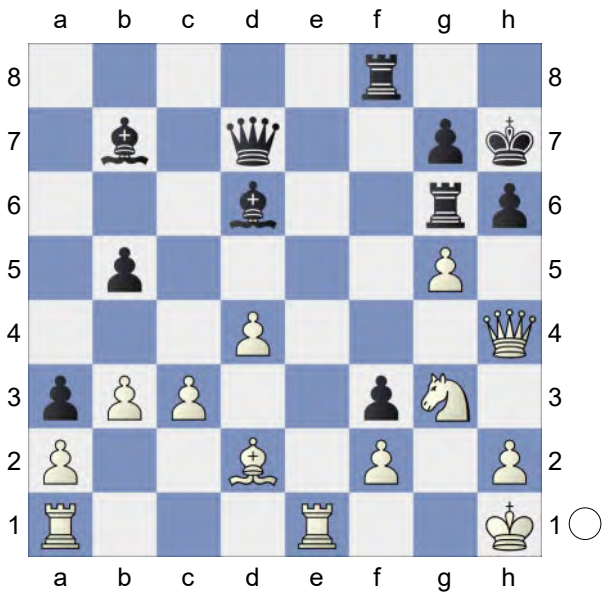
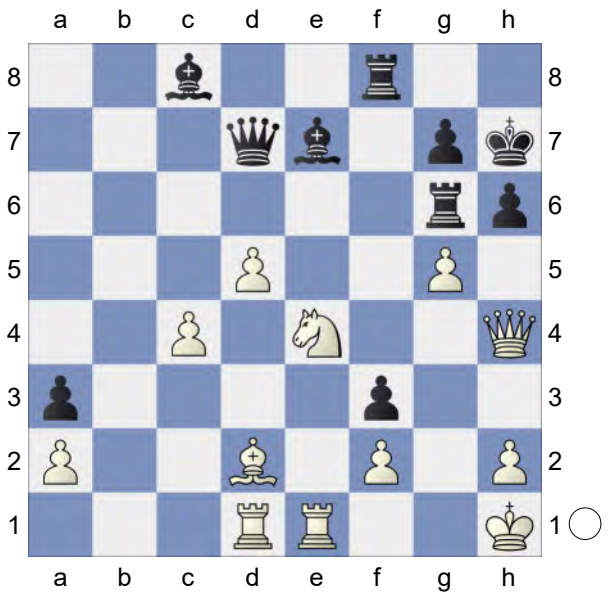
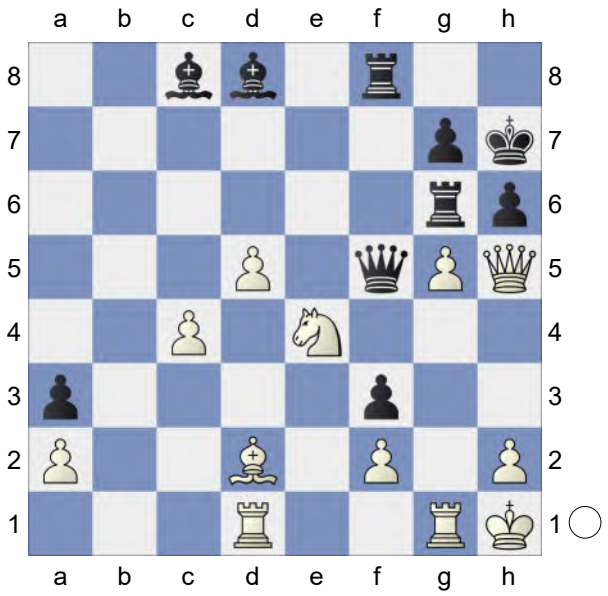


36.c4 Against Bd5 **36...bxc4** **37.bxc4** Black must now prevent gxh6. **37...Bc8** 1.55/20
[Black should play 37...Be7 0.82/20]
38.Ne4 **Be7** **39.d5** 1.16/20
[White should try 39.Rad1 1.49/20]
39...Qc7 1.94/18
[39...Qf5± 1.16/20 might work better. 40.Qh5 Bd7]
40.Rad1+- Hoping for d6! **40...Qd7** 2.22/20
[40...Rf5± 1.60/18 was worth a try. 41.Rb1 Qd7]

(Diagram)

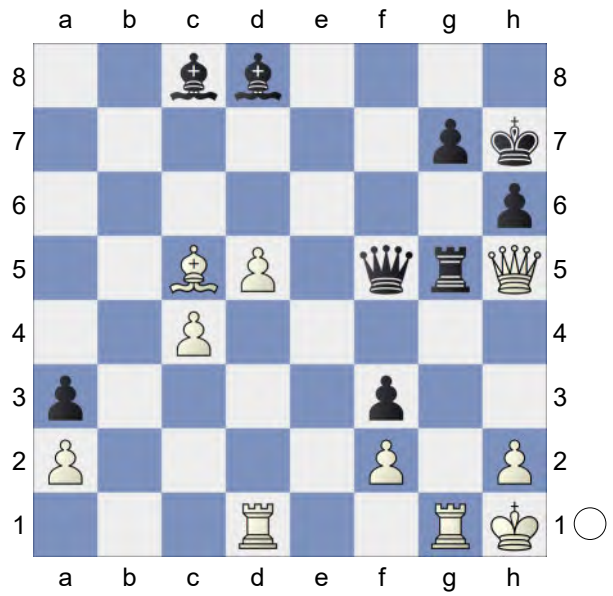


Inhibits d6. **41.Qh5** **Bd8** **42.Rg1** And now gxh6 would win. **42...Qf5**

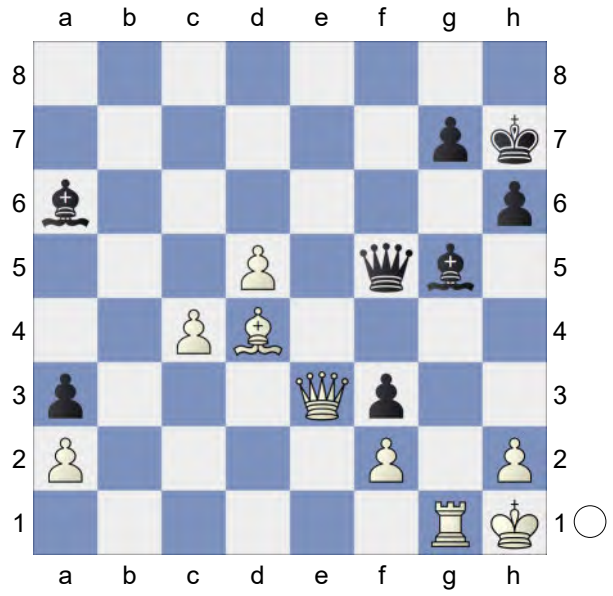


43.Bb4! **Qxe4**
[43...Rg8 44.Qh4]
44.Bxf8 Dancing on a razor blade.
44...Qf5 **45.Bc5** **Rxg5**

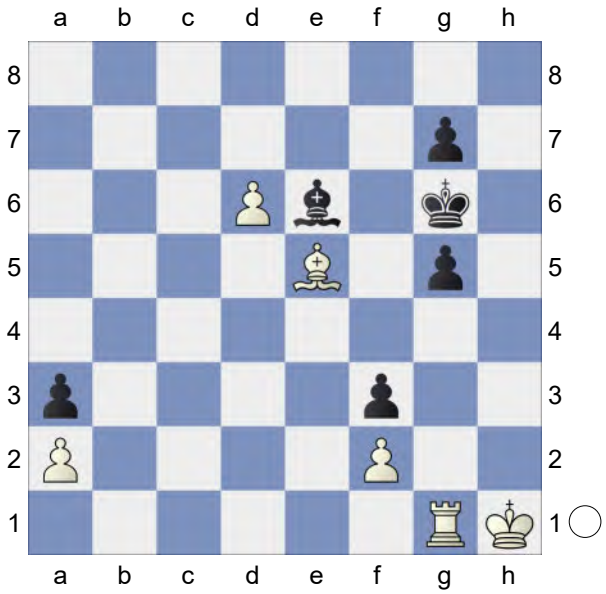
(Diagram)



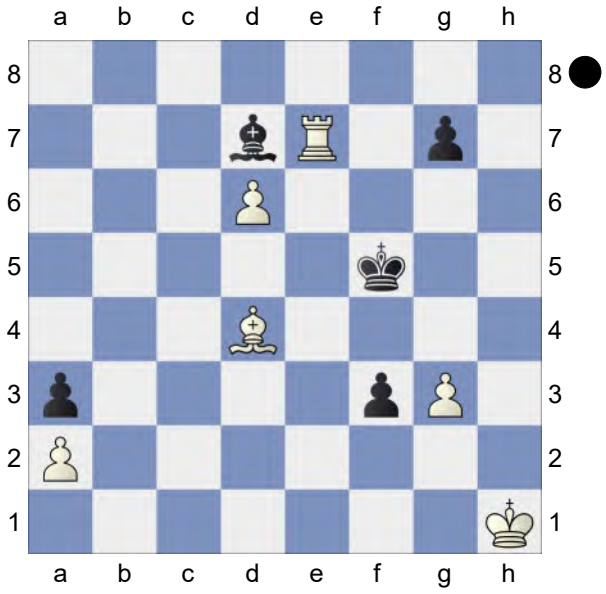
46.Qe8 Bf6 ...Rg2! is the strong threat.
47.Rxg5
[Inferior is 47.Bxa3 Rg2 48.Bd6
(48.Rxg2? fxg2+ 49.Kg1 Be5-+)
48...Rxf2∓]
47...Qxg5 48.Rg1 Against Qg2+
48...Qf5 49.Qe3 Ba6? 9.11/23
[49...Qc2 3.75/20 50.Bd4 Bh3
51.Qxf3 Bxd4 52.Qxh3 Be5]
50.Bd4 White is clearly winning.
50...Bg5



51.Qe5 Qxe5 52.Bxe5 Bxc4
Endgame KRB-KB **53.d6 Be6 54.h4**
Kg6 55.hxg5 hxg5



56.Rd1 Bd7 57.Bd4 g4 58.Re1 g3
59.fxg3 Kf5 60.Re7



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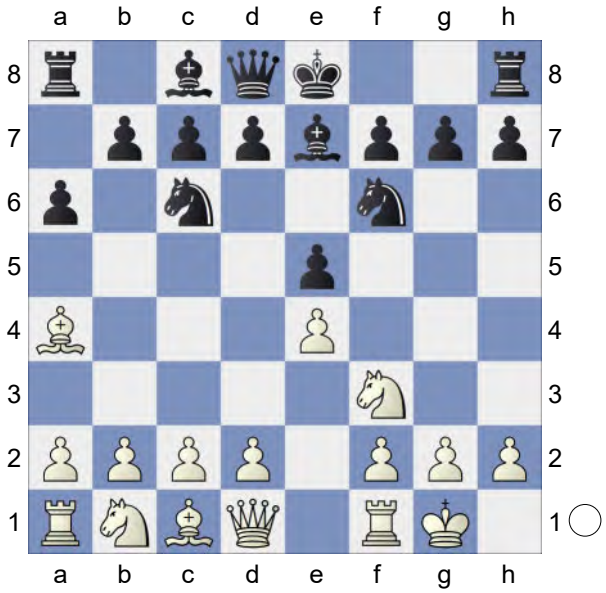
26 **C89**
□ **Ivanov,Oleg V** **2423**
■ **Kovanova,Baira** **2304**
Aeroflot Open A 2024 (9.39) 07.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Welcome to this special bonus chapter ! I'm not planning to do a new video every time a top player does something in the Marshall but the Tata Steel Masters 2020 featured a game I had to tell you about. It was the game between Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Anish Giri. Smikovski,I: 'Inf 83/(337)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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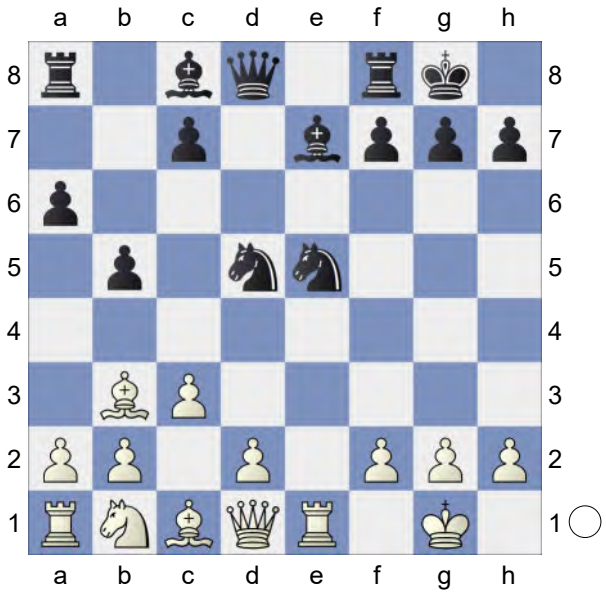
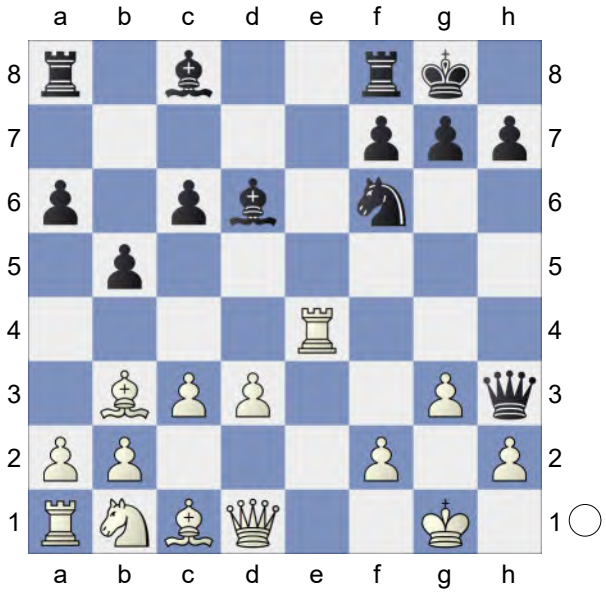


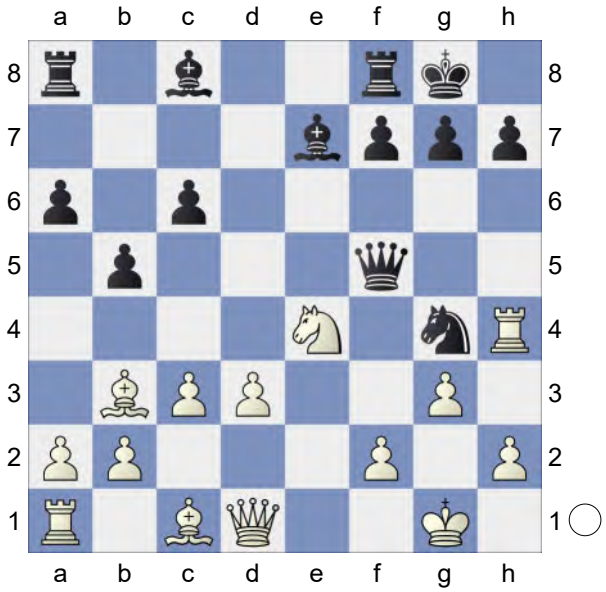
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4 is more profitable than 17...g5 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 17...g5.
18.Ne4 White is slightly better.
[18.Qf3 Be7 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Ne5 21.Rf4 Bxd3 22.Nf3 Ng6 23.Rd4 Bf5 24.g4 Be6 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Kg2 Rf7 27.Ng5 e5 28.Rd3 Rf4 29.Ne6 Rf6 30.Ng5 Raf8 31.Ne4 Rf4 32.Re3 Nh4+ ½-½ Sapozhnikov,R (2433)-Sambuev,B (2718) Ottawa

Spring Open 2011 (3)]
[18.f3 Ne3 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Nf1 Qg6 21.c4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Nxd3 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bd2 Re8 25.Kh1 Bc5 26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4 Nf2+ 28.Qxf2 Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5 31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8 0-1 Sacrificial Line (2461)-Coudrain,J (2580) Saint Petersburg 59/(537) 1993 (5)]

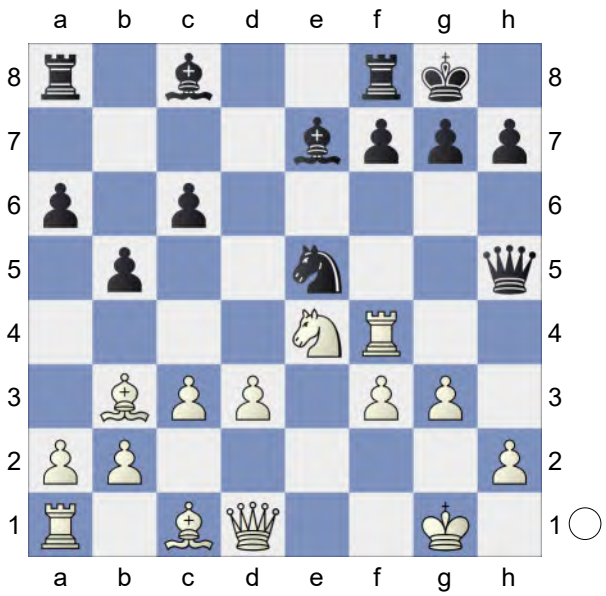
18...Be7



19.f3! Ne5
[Don't go for 19...Bxh4? 20.fxg4 Qg6 21.g5+- *(21.gxh4 Bxg4 22.Qd2 a5+-)*]

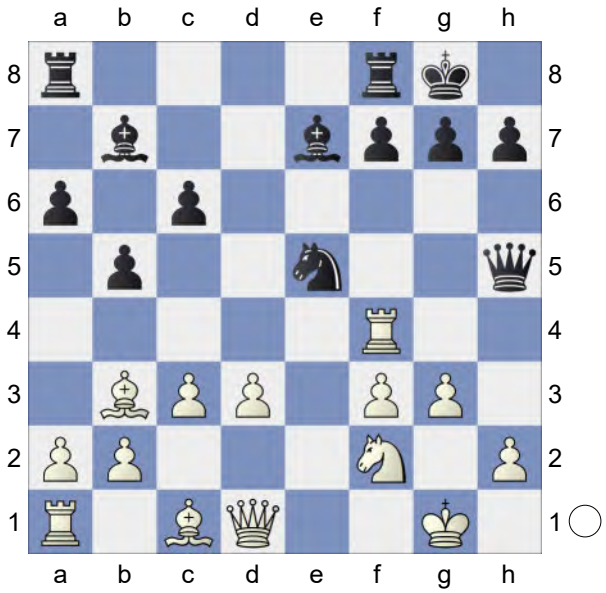
20.Rf4 Qh5N 1.10/20
[Vorgänger: 20...Qd7!= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. 21.Nf2! c5 22.d4 *(22.Re4 Ng6 23.Re3 Bb7 24.Qf1 Rfe8 25.Bd2 Bf8 26.Rae1 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Rd8* Chapter 5-Game 2 Chapter 5 Game 2*)* 22...Ng6! 23.Re4 Bb7 24.Re1 -0.36/19 *(24.dxc5=* 0.00/20 feels stronger. *Qc7 25.Be3)* 24...cxd4∓ 25.cxd4 Rad8 26.Be3 Qf5 ½-½ (36) Bernadskiy,V (2592)-Matlakov,M (2662) Dubai 2023]

(Diagram)



21.Nf2 0.43/19
[21.g4!± 1.10/20 Qh4 22.Qe2]

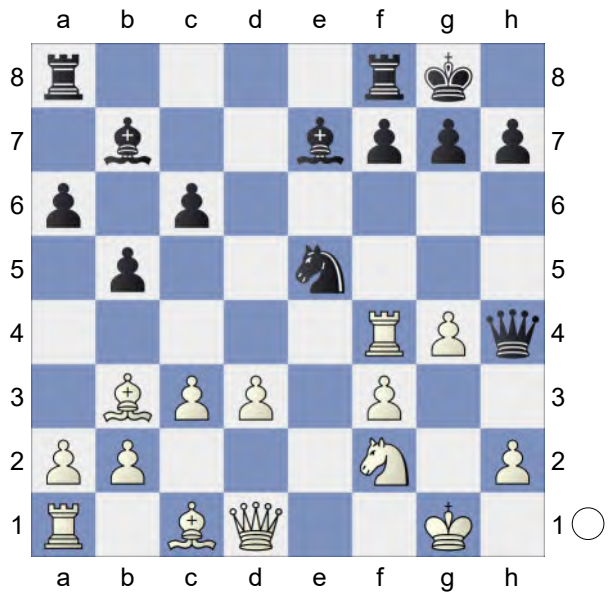
21...Bb7 1.47/20
[Black should play 21...a5!± 0.43/19]



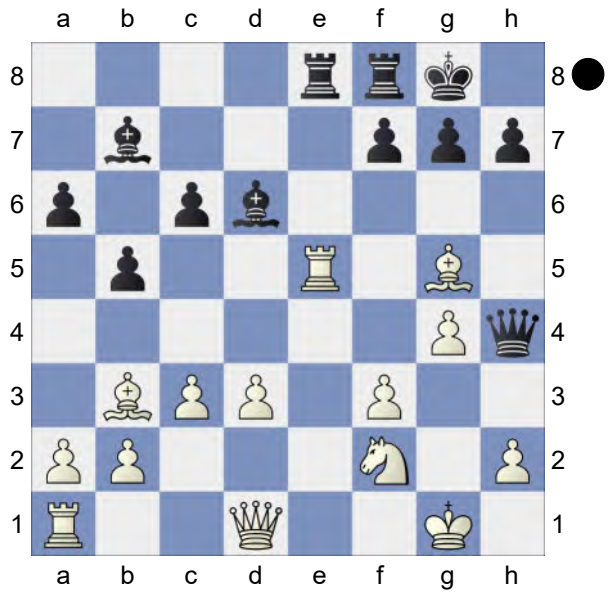
22.g4!↑ White is on the roll.
[Not 22.d4 Ng6=]

22...Qh4 2.31/20
[22...Qg6± 1.39/21]

(Diagram)



23.Rf5!+- Rae8? 4.69/20
[23...Nd7 2.39/20 24.Rh5 Qf6]
24.Rxe5 Bd6 25.Bg5



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27 **C89**
□ **jpg-bot** **2446**
■ **bot_adario** **2730**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kttiy Kat]

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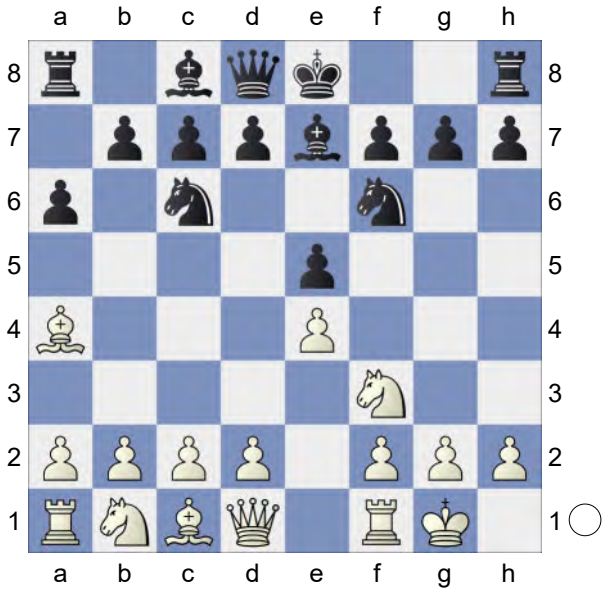

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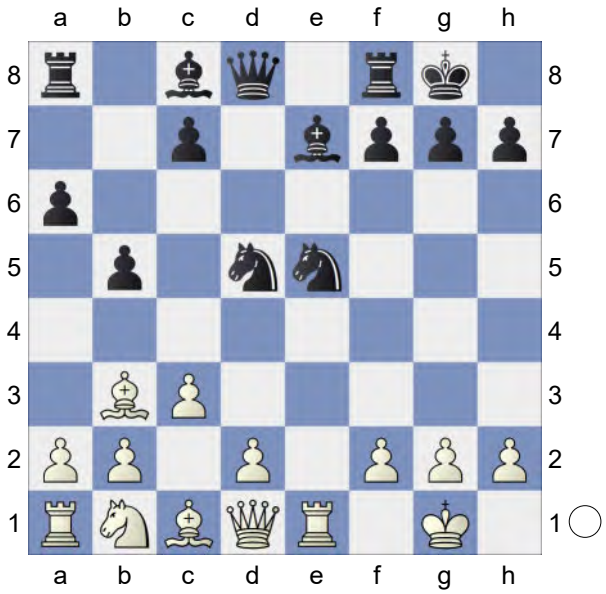
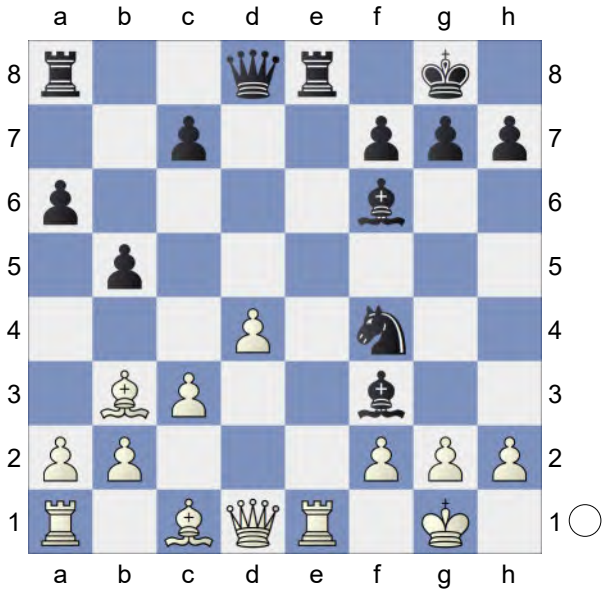
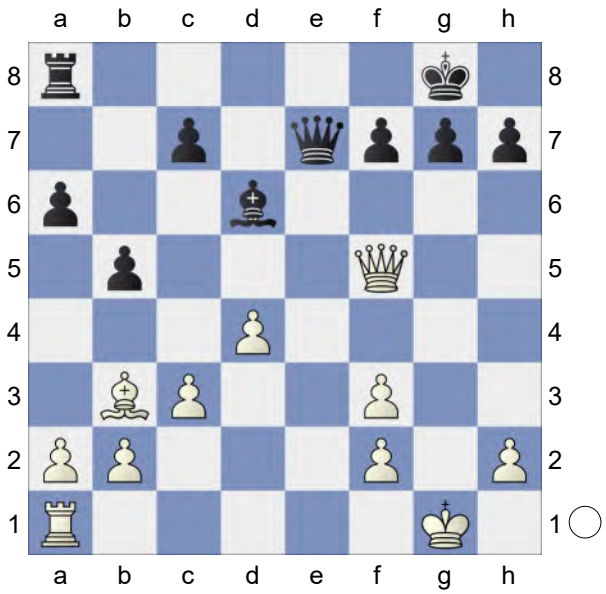


11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8
14.Nd2 Nf4 White is slightly better.
15.Nf3 Bxf3

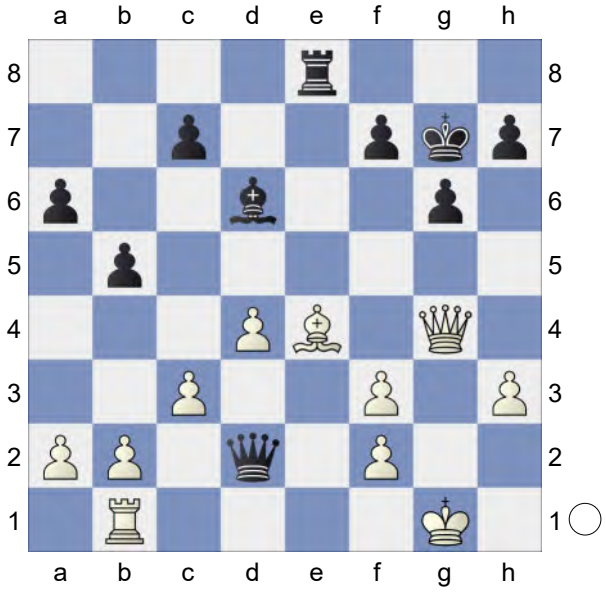


16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.gxf3 Bg5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qc2 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6



21.h3N -0.12/21
[21.Qe4± 0.37/21 deserves consideration. Qg5+ 22.Kf1]
[21.f4 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Rc1 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Qe3 Qh1+ 0-1 (31) Stern,R-Joecks,C Bundesliga II 1998 The Total

Marshall [Gambit Revue 4.98 p21]]
21...Re8= Black has compensation.
22.Bd5 -1.00/21
[22.Qe4= -0.03/21 remains equal.]
22...g6∓ 23.Qg4 Qe2 24.Rb1 Kg7! 25.Be4 Qd2



Prevents Qg5. **26.h4 h5!** &Nero is more active. **27.Qg5 Bf4 28.Qd5 Bd6** -0.01/17
[28...Re6∓ -1.17/25]
29.Qg5!=
[29.Qc6? Re7 30.f4 *(30.Qxa6? Qf4-+)* 30...Qxf4-+]
29...Bf4 0.01/21
[29...Qxg5+∓ -0.52/23 30.hxg5 Bf4]
30.Qd5 Re6

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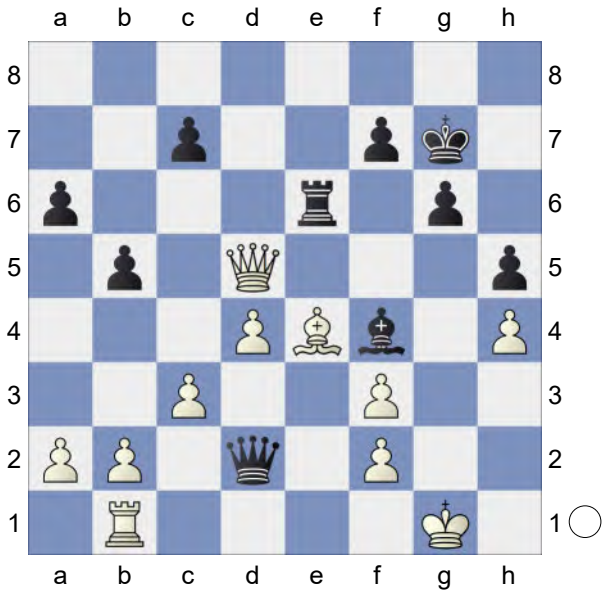
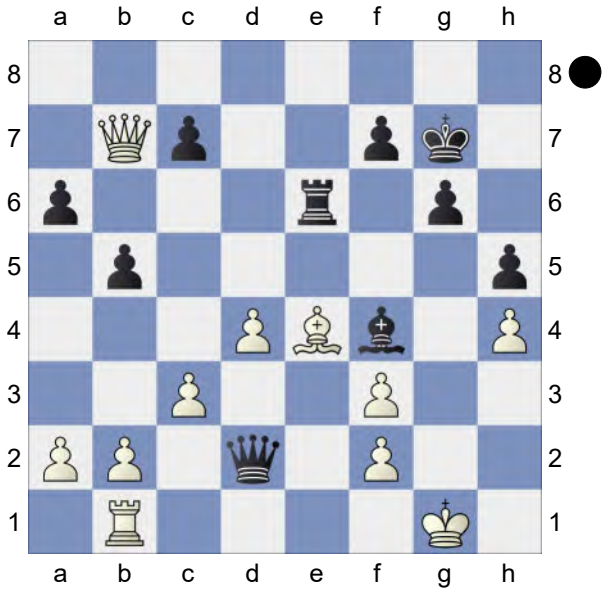


31.Qb7 -1.99/22
[31.a3∓ -1.11/21]



31...Bd6!-+ White must now prevent ... Qf4. **32.Kg2 Qf4 33.Rh1**

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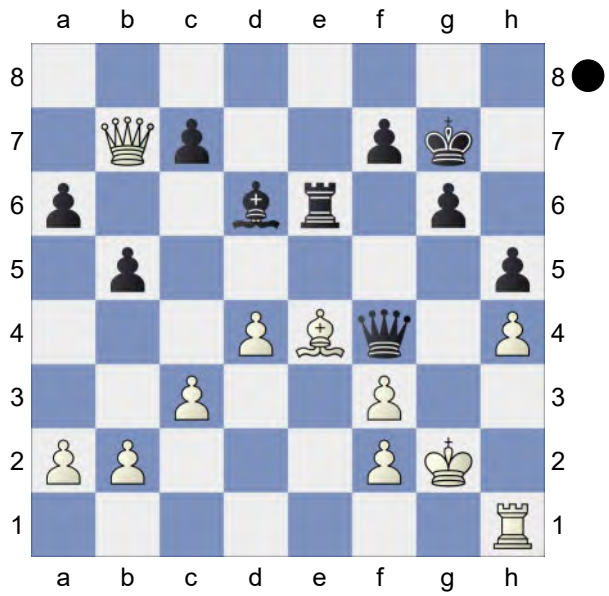
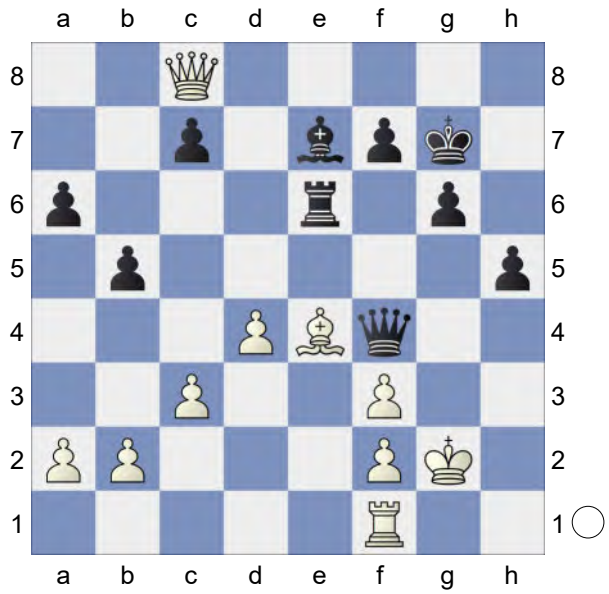
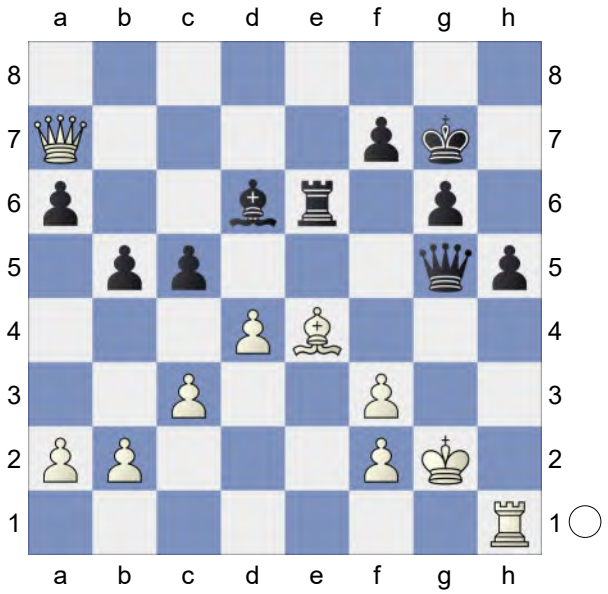


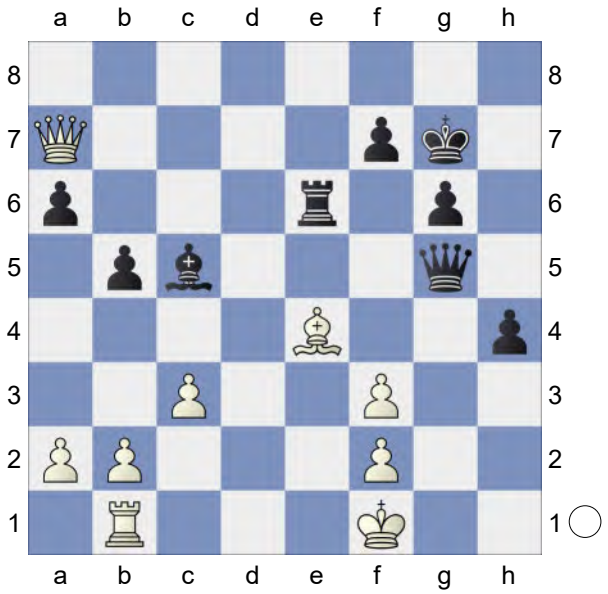
Against Qh2+ **33...Be7!** **34.Qc8** -2.42/20
[34.Qa7 -1.99/21 keeps fighting.]
34...Bxh4 35.Rf1 Be7



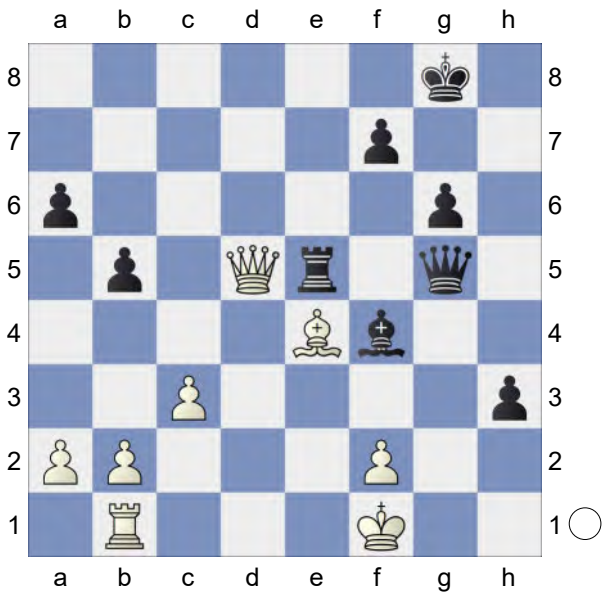
36.Rh1 Qg5+ 37.Kf1 c5
[But not 37...Qd2? 38.Qxc7 Bd6 39.Qa7-+]
38.Qc7 Bd6 39.Qa7 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 Qg5+ 0.01/5
[Stronger than 40...Qxb2 41.dxc5 Be7 42.c6∓]
[Black should play 40...Qf4-+ -2.70/22 41.Kf1 Be7]



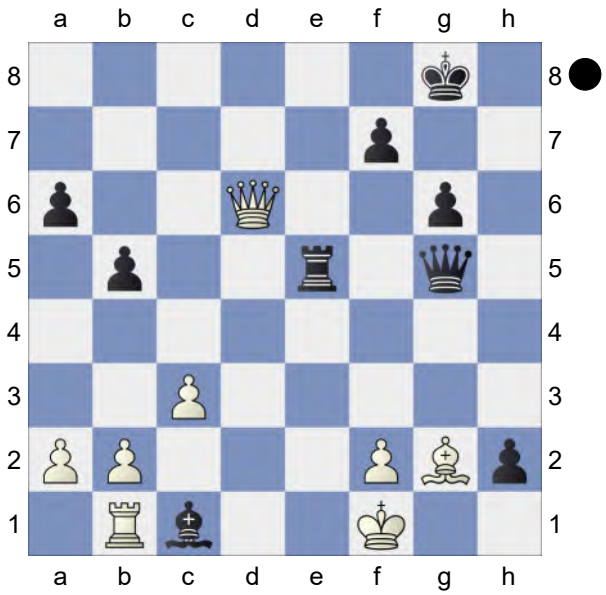
41.Kf1= Qc1+? 0.01/18
[Black should try 41...Qd2-+ -2.68/22 42.Kg2 Be7]
42.Kg2 Qd2
[And not 42...Qxb2 43.dxc5 Be7 44.c6∓]
43.Rb1? -7.16/23
[43.b3 -2.08/21]
43...Qg5+-+ 44.Kf1 h4 Threatens to win with ...Rxe4! **45.dxc5 Bxc5**



46.Qc7 Bd6 47.Qa7 h3 48.Qd4+ Kg8 49.f4 Bxf4 50.Qd5 Re5



51.Qc6 h2 (-> ...Qg1+) **52.Bg2 Bc1 53.Qd6**



Bxb2! 54.Qd3

[54.Qxe5 Qxe5]

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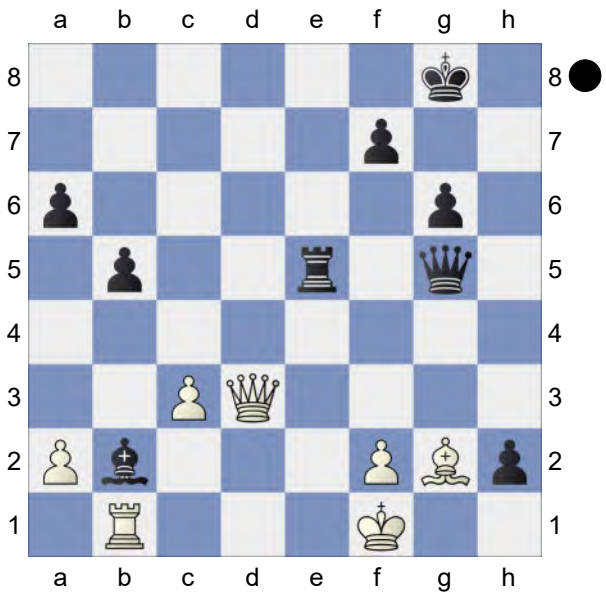
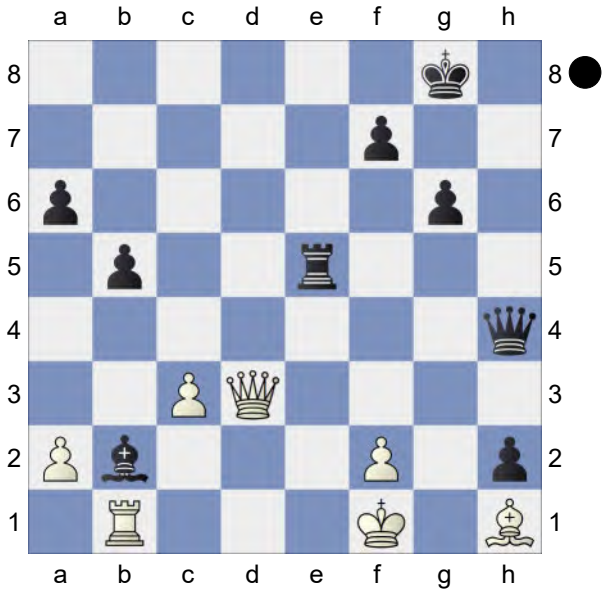


54...Qh4! 55.Bh1



Qg4!

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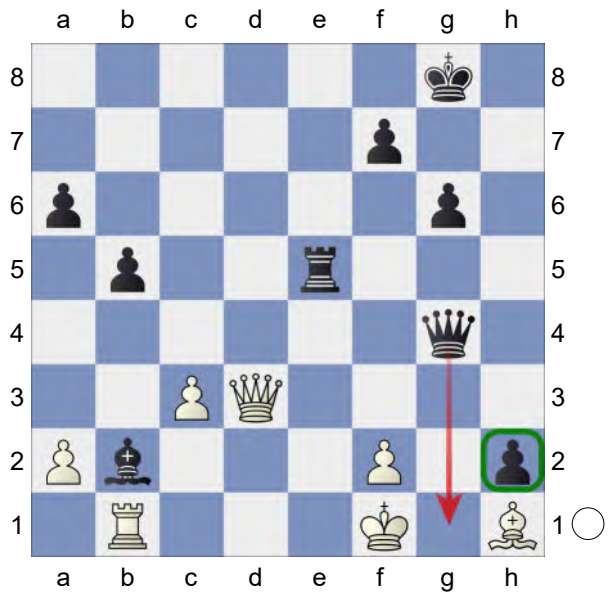
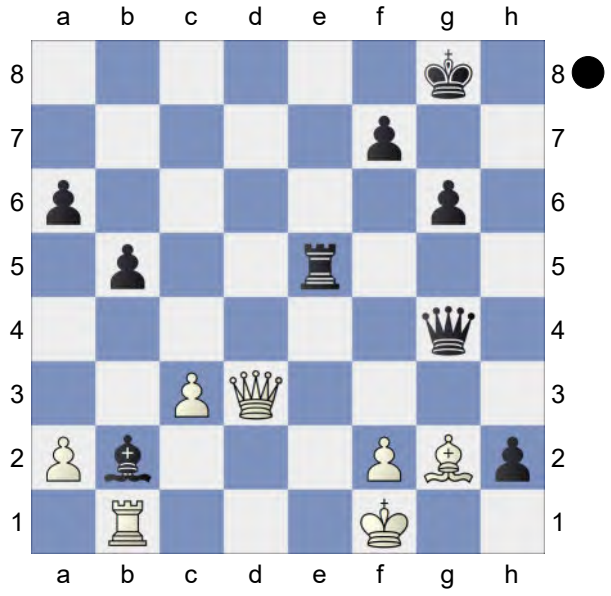


56.Bg2



Bxc3! ...Qh4! is the strong threat.
57.Rd1
[57.a3 Rh5]

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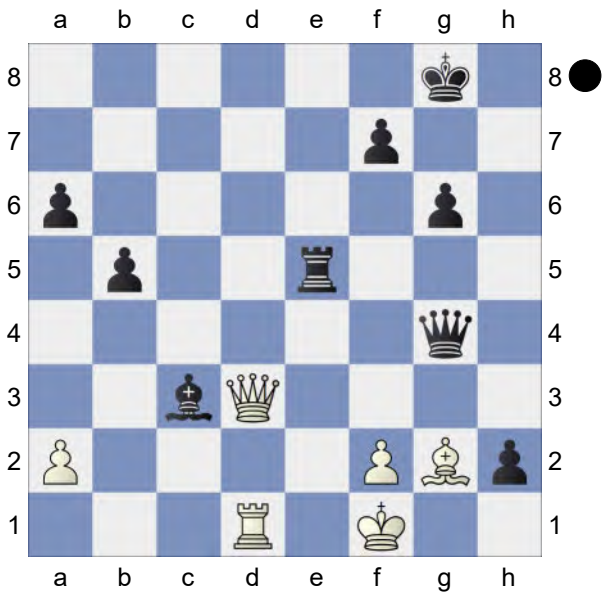
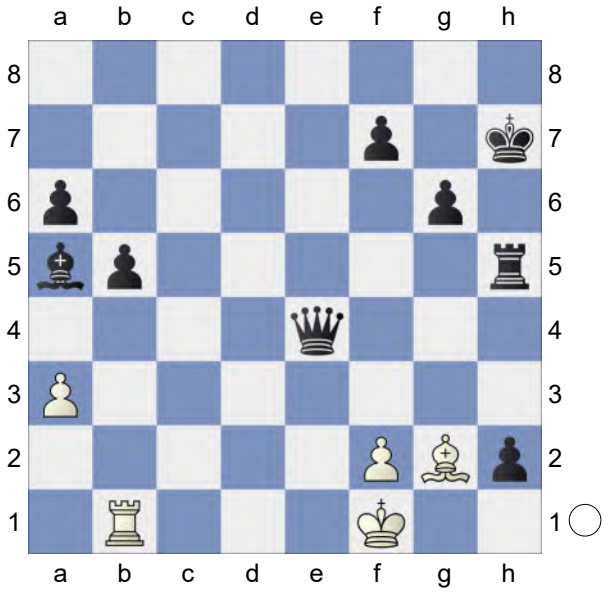


57...Kh7! 58.a3
[58.Rb1 Rh5]
58...Ba5 59.Rb1 Rh5 60.Qe4 Qxe4



61.Bxe4 h1Q+ 62.Bxh1 Rxh1+ 63.Ke2 Rxb1 64.Kd3 Rb3+ 65.Kc2 Rxa3

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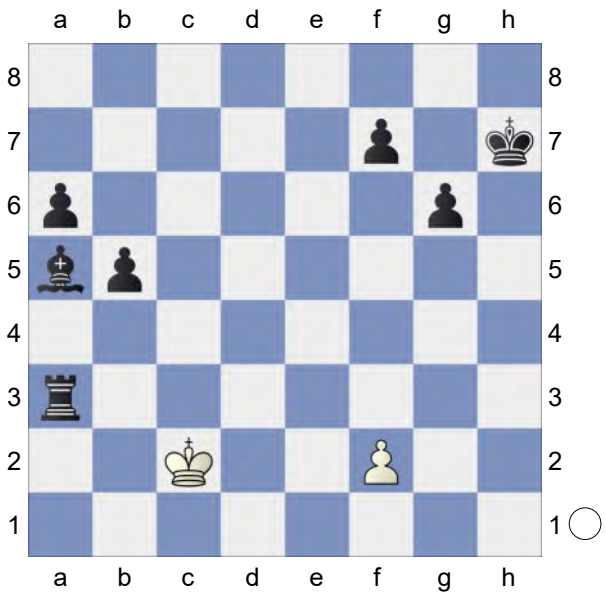
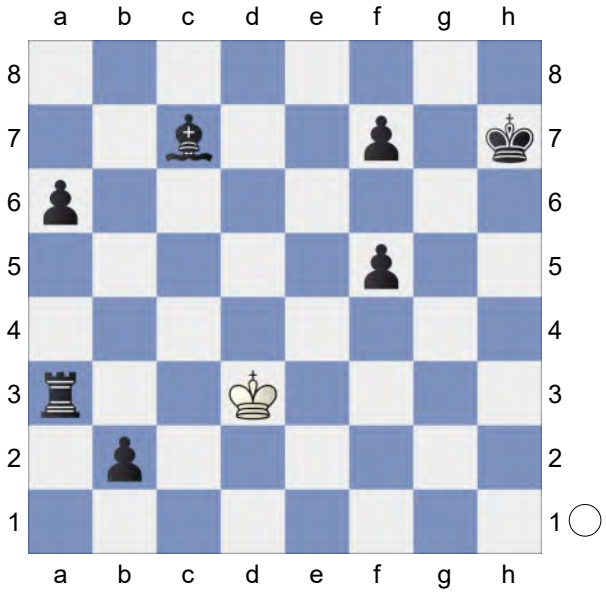


66.f4 Bc7 67.f5 gxf5 68.Kd2 b4 69.Ke2 b3 70.Kd3 b2+



71.Kc2 Be5 Black mates. **72.Kb1 Rb3 73.Kc2 b1Q+ 74.Kd2 Qa2+ 75.Kd1 Rb1#**

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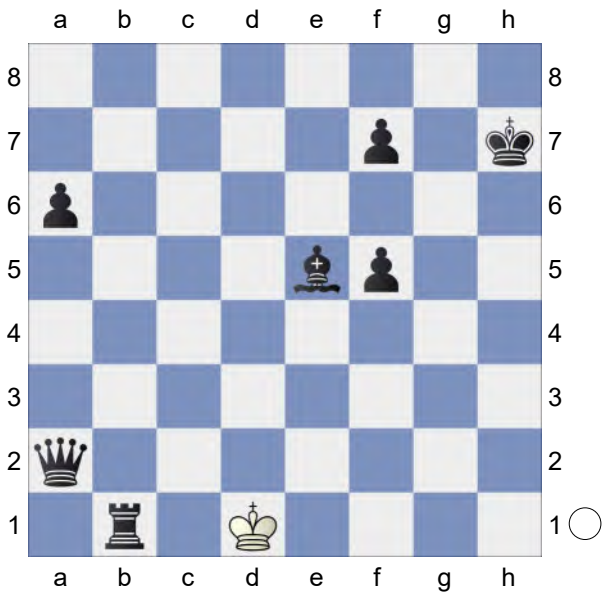

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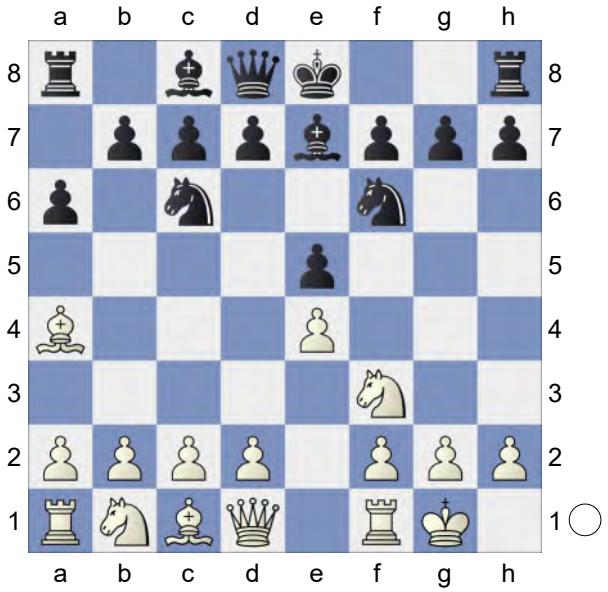
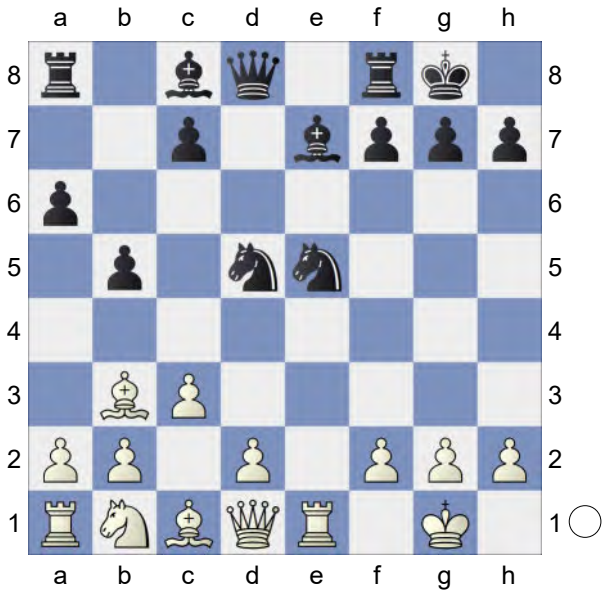


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N

[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]

14.Nd2 0.17/19
[14.dxc5± 0.52/18 Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Nd2]

14...Bb7 0.49/18
[14...cxd4= 0.17/19 feels stronger. 15.cxd4 Bb4]

15.Nf3 Qc7

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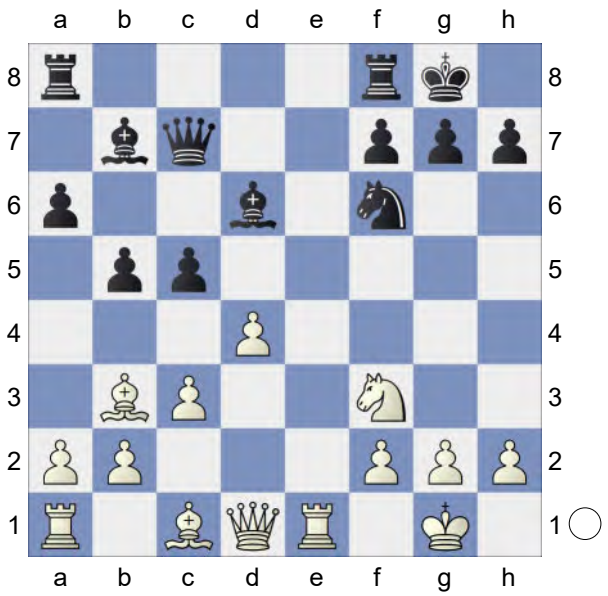
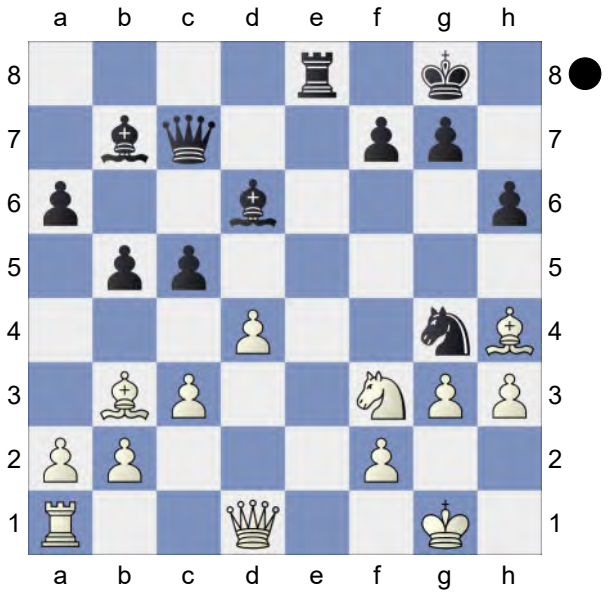


White is slightly better. **16.Bg5** -0.01/19
[16.Ne5± 0.37/17]
16...Ng4= 17.g3 -0.22/18
[White should try 17.Kf1± 0.38/19]
17...h6 18.Bh4 -0.73/22
[18.Bd2!= -0.17/18]
18...Rae8∓ aiming for ...c4. **19.Rxe8** -0.96/23
[19.h3∓ -0.48/21]
19...Rxe8 20.h3



c4! -0.79/22

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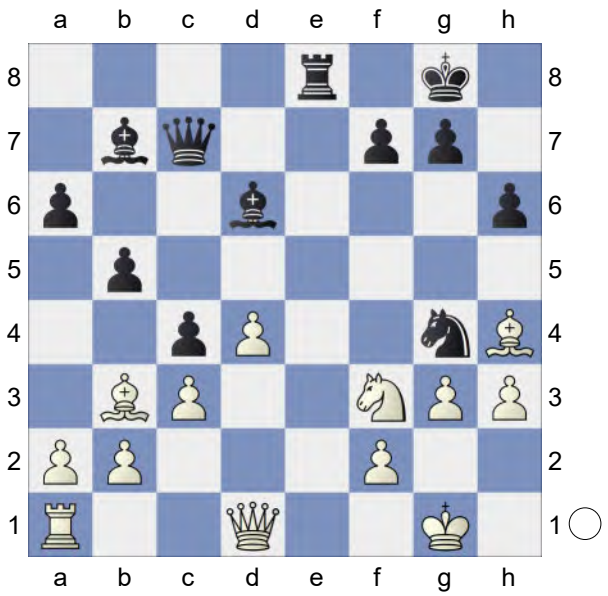
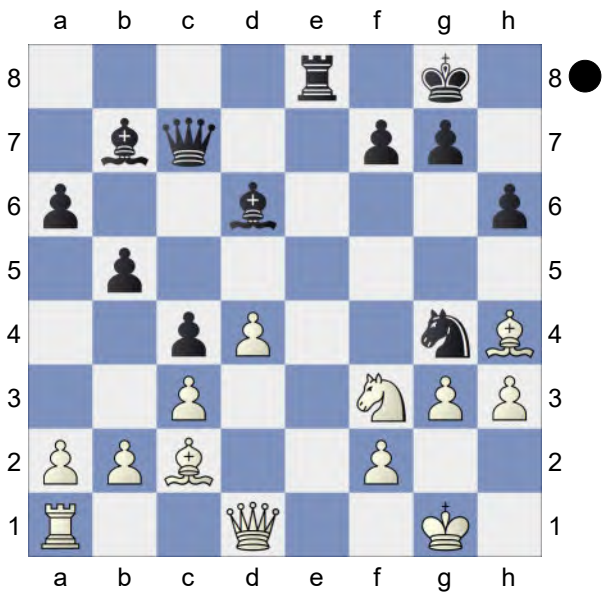


21.Bc2
[Don't blunder 21.hxg4? cxb3 22.axb3 g5 23.Bxg5 hxg5-+]



21...Ne3 0x0.00268981f4f2dp-1022s more active pieces. **22.fxe3 Rxe3 23.Ne5**
[Wrong is 23.d5? Qc5 24.Kf1 g5-+]
23...Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qd6 is the strong threat. **24...g5 25.Qd6 Qc6→**

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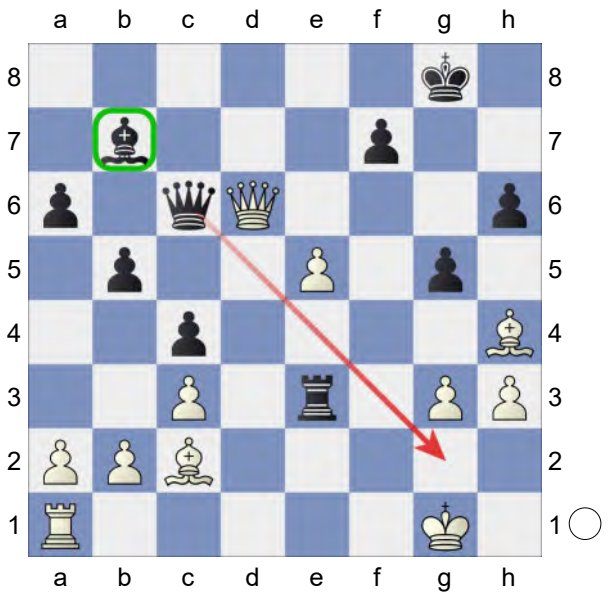
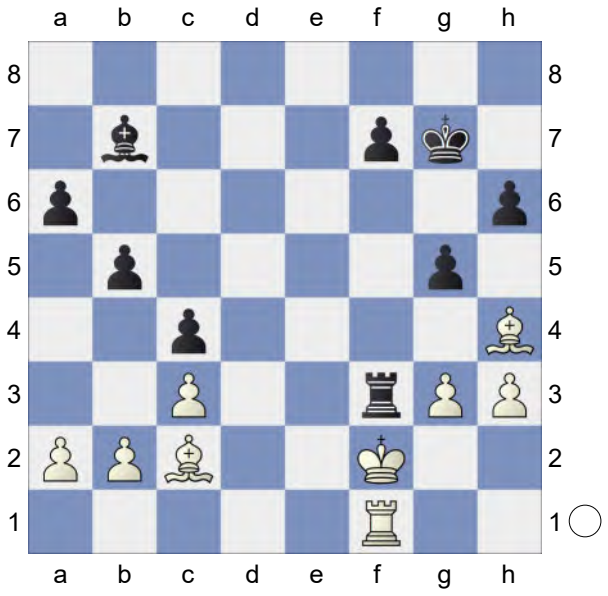
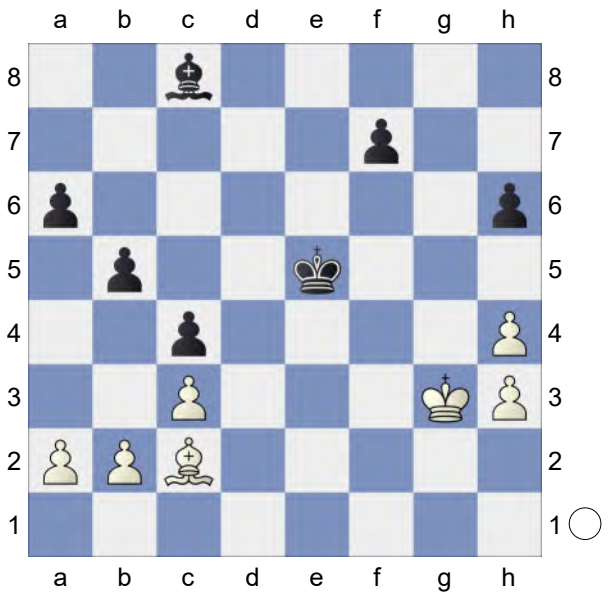


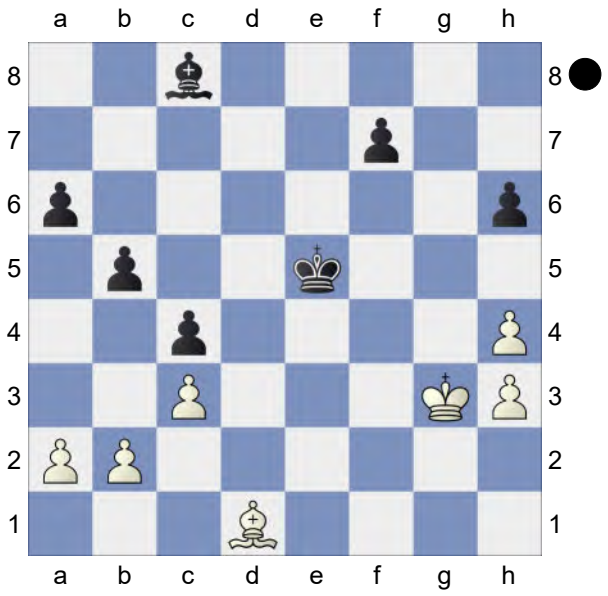
Black mounts an attack. **26.Qd8+** -0.84/24
[26.Qxc6∓ -0.43/24 Bxc6 27.Rd1]
26...Kg7 Chess con chili. **27.Qf6+ Qxf6 28.exf6+ Kxf6 29.Rf1+ Kg7 30.Kf2 Rf3+**



31.Ke1 Rxf1+
[Stronger than 31...gxh4 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.gxh4∓]
32.Kxf1 gxh4 33.gxh4 Endgame KB-KB **33...Kf6 34.Kf2 Bc8** -0.72/24
[⌓34...Ke5 -1.16/25]
35.Kg3 Ke5



36.Bd1? -5.76/22
[36.h5∓ -1.11/23 is tougher.]



Now White is beyond hope. **36...Ke4!-+ 37.a4 Ke3** Threatens to win with ...f5. **38.axb5 axb5 39.Bf3 Kd2 40.Bd5** -11.72/24
[⌓40.Kf4 -5.10/25 Kc1 41.Ke5]
40...Kc2

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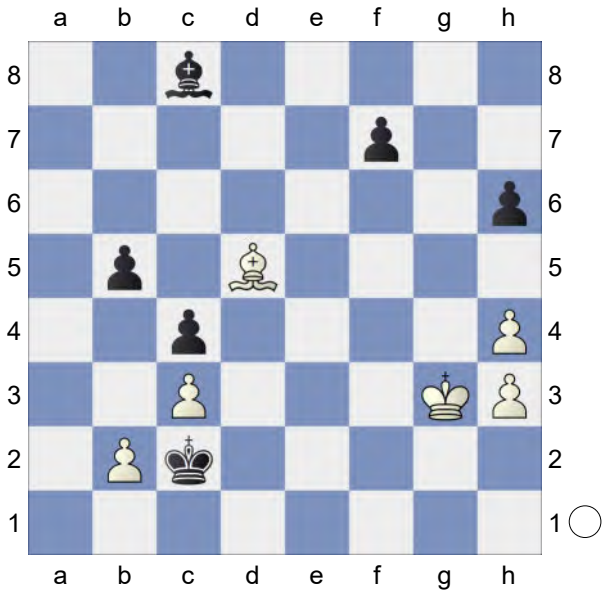
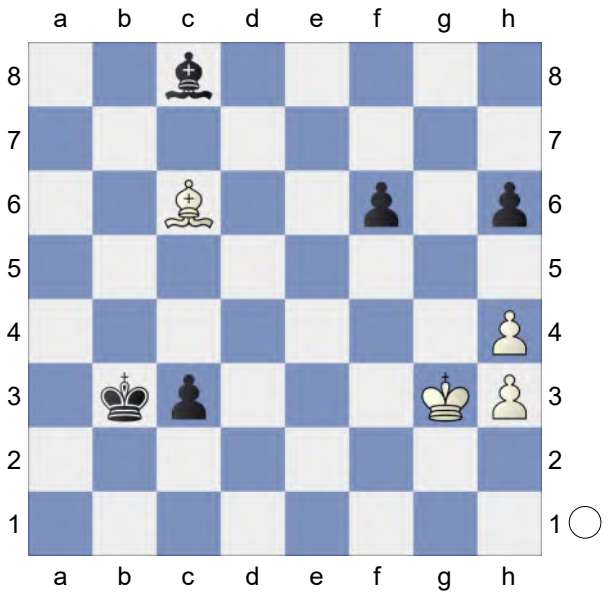


41.Bc6 Kxb2 42.Bxb5 Kxc3 43.Kf4 f6 44.Kg3 Kb3 45.Bc6 c3



(-> …c2) **46.Be4 c2 47.Bxc2+ Kxc2** KB-KPP **48.Kf2 Kd3 49.Ke1 Ke3 50.Kd1 Bxh3**

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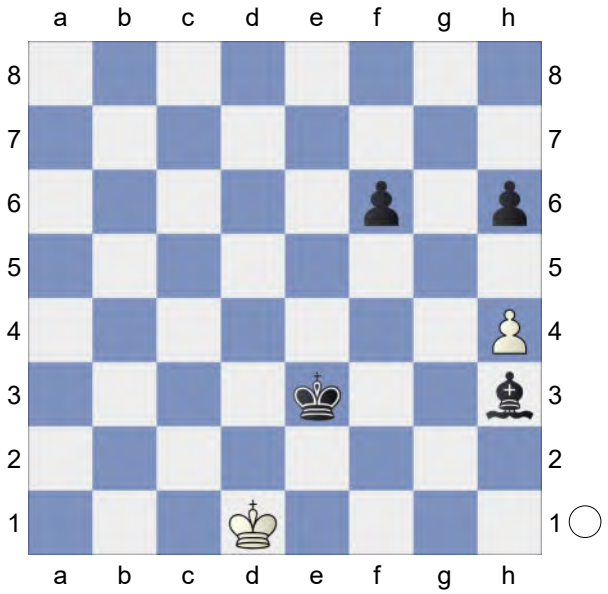
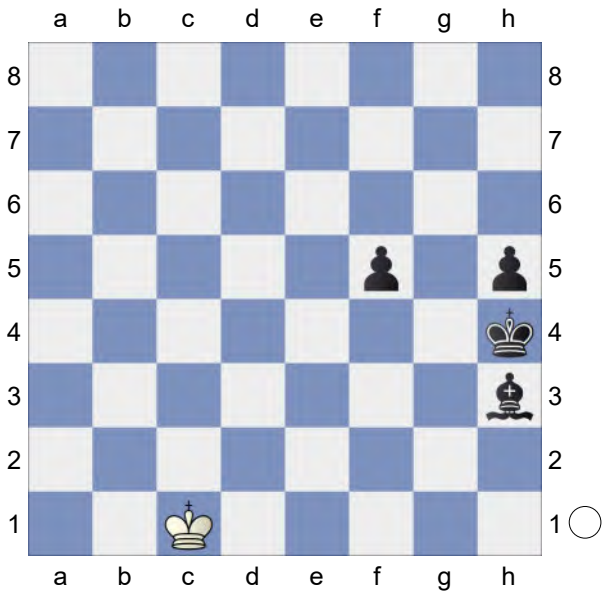


KB-KP **51.Kc1 Kf4 52.Kb1 Kg4 53.Ka1 Kxh4 54.Kb1 h5 55.Kc1 f5**



56.Kb1 f4 57.Ka1 f3 58.Kb2 f2 59.Kc3 f1Q 60.Kd4 Kg3

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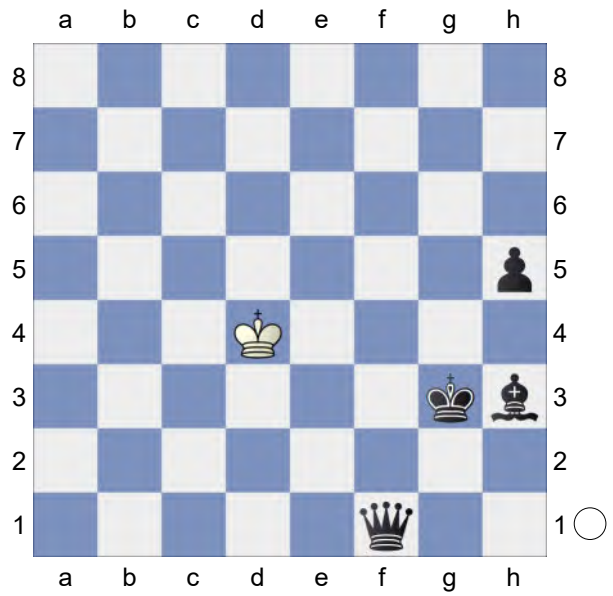

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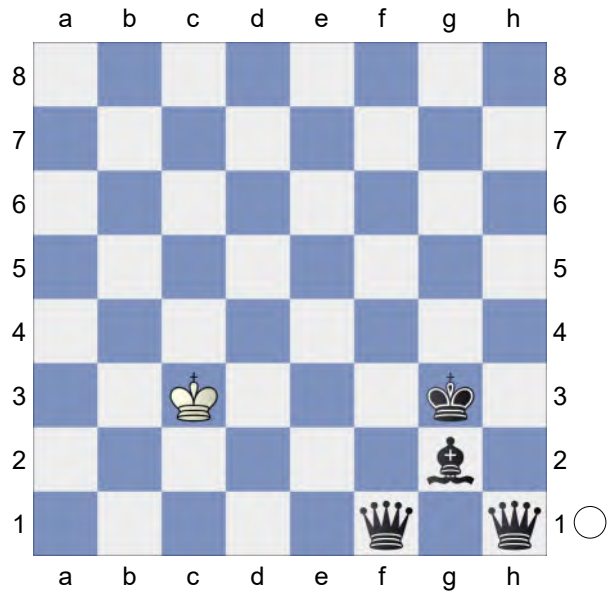

66.Kb4 Qc4+ -12.92/5 **67.Kxc4 Qc1+ 68.Kb3 Bd5+ 69.Ka4 Qc4+ 70.Ka5 Qc5+**

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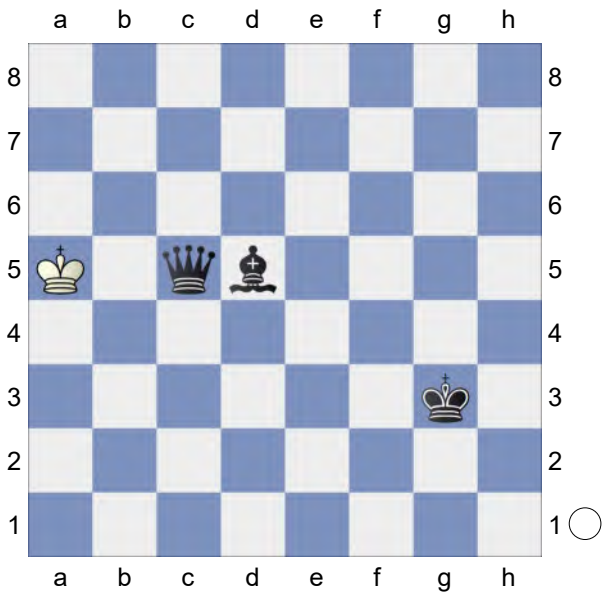
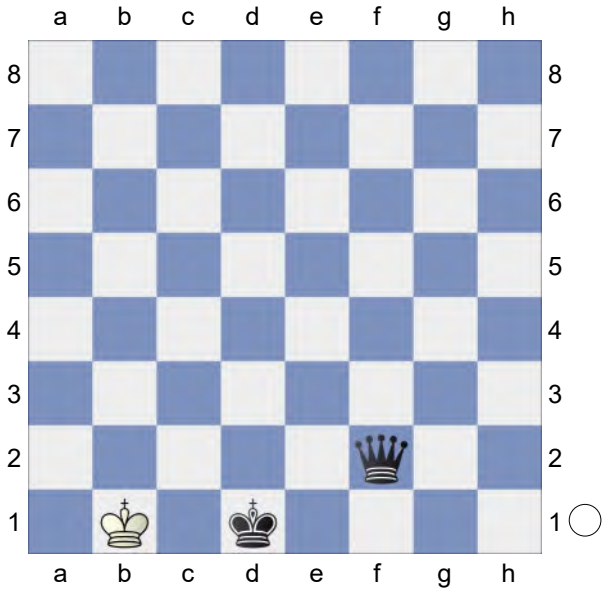


71.Ka4 Bb3+ -10.12/5 **72.Kxb3 Kf2** Black mates. **73.Ka2 Ke1 74.Ka1 Kd1 75.Kb1 Qf2**



76.Ka1 Kc2 77.Ka2 Qa7#

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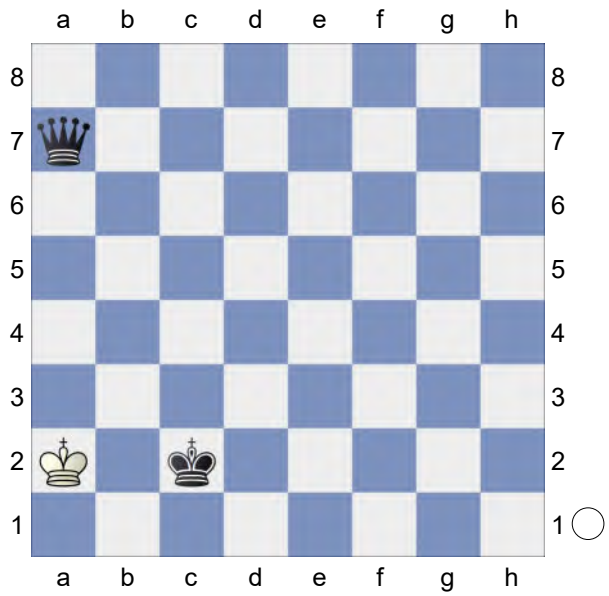

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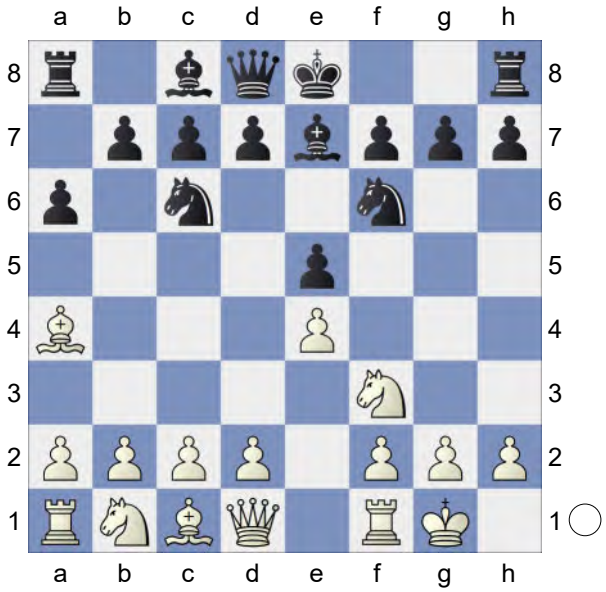
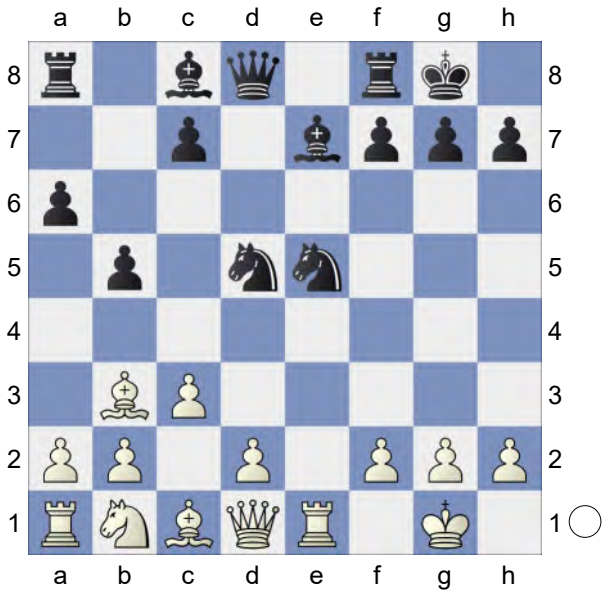
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



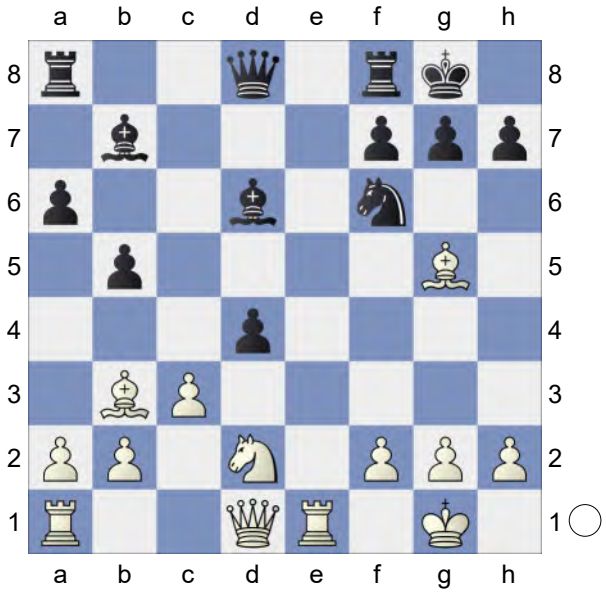
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



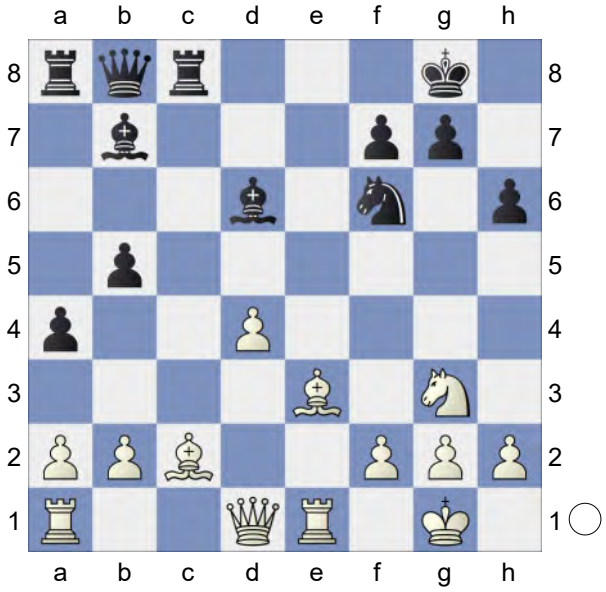
11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N

[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]

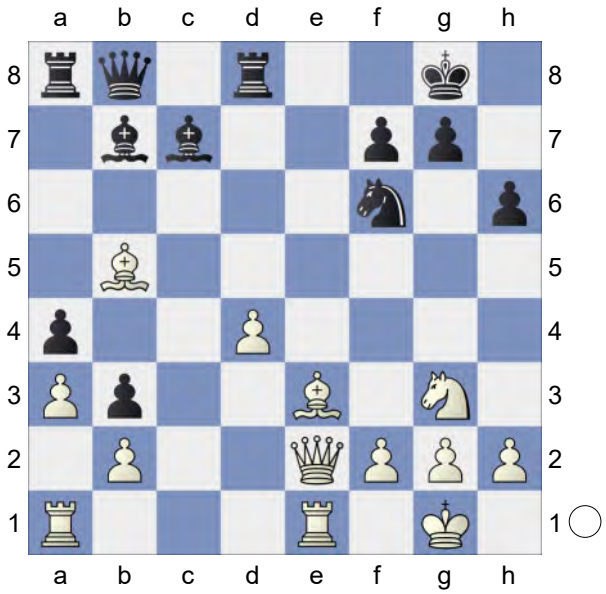
14.Bg5 Bb7 Inhibits Qf3. **15.Nd2 cxd4**



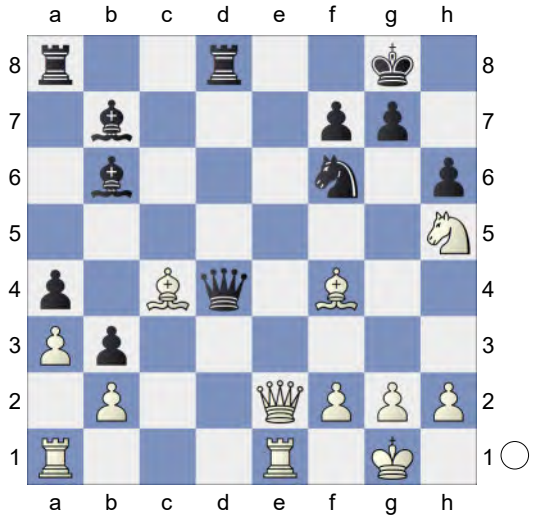
White is slightly better. **16.cxd4**
[16.Ne4!? Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.cxd4±]
16...h6 17.Be3 0.01/17
[17.Bh4± 0.38/19]
17...Qb8 18.Nf1 a5 19.Ng3 a4 20.Bc2 Rc8



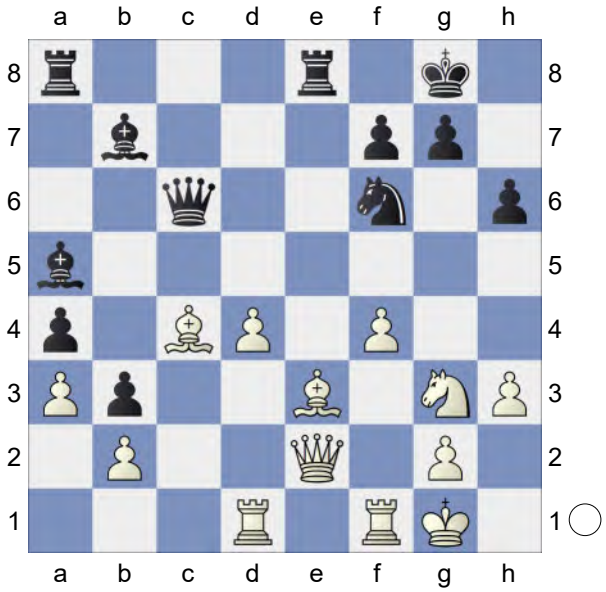
21.Qe2 -0.09/16
[⩲21.Bd2 0.22/16]
21...b4 22.Bf5 Re8 Black has compensation. **23.a3 b3 24.Bd3 Bc7 25.Bb5 Rd8**



26.Bc4 Bb6 27.Rad1 0.07/19
[27.Nh5± 0.44/20 Qd6 28.Bf4 Qxd4

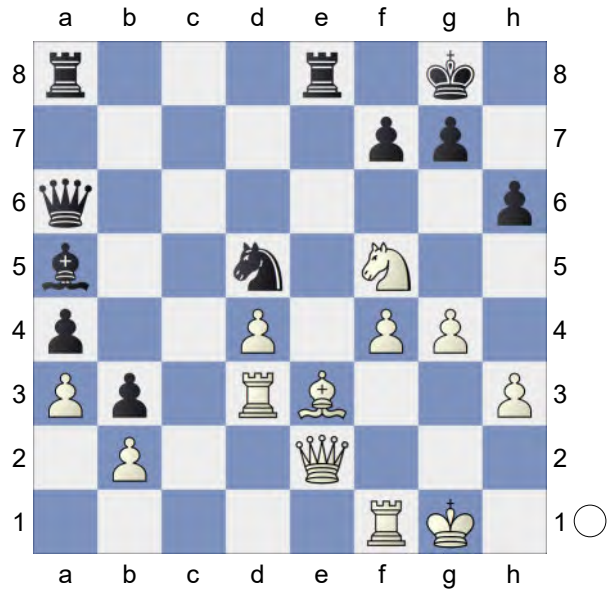


29.Bxf7+! Kh8 30.Be3]
27...Qc7= 28.h3 -0.24/20
[⩲28.Rc1 0.15/17]
28...Ba5 29.Rf1
[Wrong is 29.Bd2? Bxd2 30.Rxd2 Re8-+]
29...Qc6! 30.f4 Re8 -0.86/22
[30...Nd5∓ -0.55/18 deserves consideration. 31.Bd2 Bb6]



White is on the road to losing. **31.Nf5** -1.80/22
[31.d5∓ -0.86/22 keeps fighting. Qc8 32.Bb5]

31...Qd7→ Black has strong attack.
32.g4 Nd5 Strongly threatening ...g6.
33.Bb5 -2.36/20
[33.Rf3 -1.75/22 was worth a try.]
33...Bc6 34.Bxc6 Qxc6 35.Rd3? -4.29/21
[35.Rc1 -2.06/20 might work better. Qd7 36.Rf3]
35...Qa6



36.Qf3? -5.24/21
[36.Rfd1 -3.09/20 Nxf4 37.Qf1 Nxd3 38.Rxd3]
36...Qxd3 37.Qxd5 Ra6 38.Rf3 -7.12/20
[⌓38.Kg2 -4.65/19 Rxe3 39.Nxe3 Qxe3 40.Qb5]
38...Qb1+ 39.Rf1 Qxb2 40.Bf2 Qxa3

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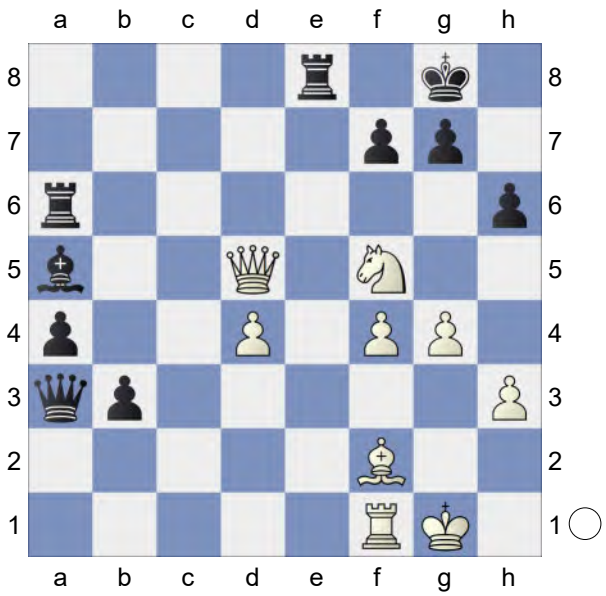
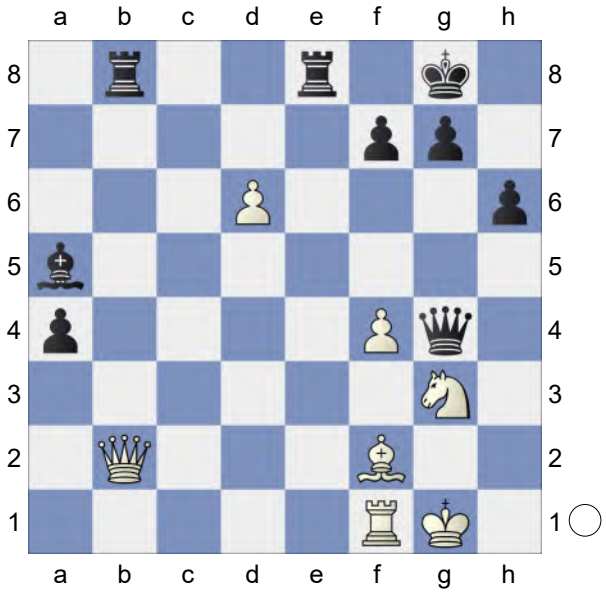


41.Qb5 Raa8 42.d5 b2 43.d6 Qxh3 44.Qxb2 Qxg4+ 45.Ng3 Rab8



46.d7 Qxd7
[Inferior is 46...Rxb2 47.dxe8Q+ Kh7 48.Qe5=]
47.Qd4 Qh3 48.Qd5 Bb6 49.Nh1 a3 Hoping for ...Re2. **50.Rc1 Re2**

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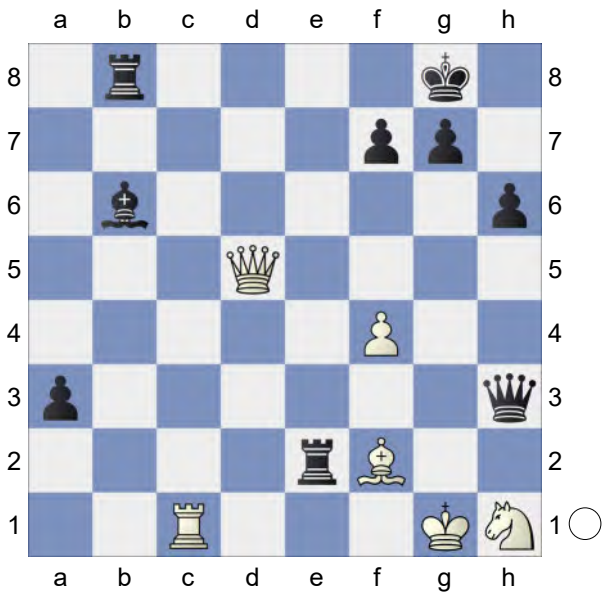
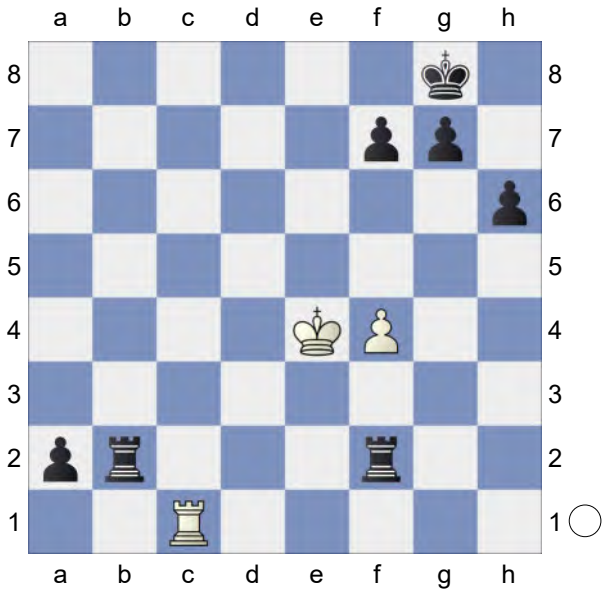


51.Qg2 Bxf2+ 52.Nxf2 Qxg2+ -13.24/5
[⌓52...Qe3 -#14/18 53.Rf1 a2 54.Qg4 Re1 55.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 56.Kg2 a1Q 57.Qf3 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qaf1+ 59.Kh4 g5+ 60.Kh5 Qgxf2 61.fxg5 Qxf3+ 62.Kxh6 Q3h3#]
53.Kxg2 Endgame KRR-KRN **53...Rbb2 54.Kf3 Rxf2+ 55.Ke4 a2**



(-> ...Kh7) **56.Ke3 Kh7 57.Ra1**

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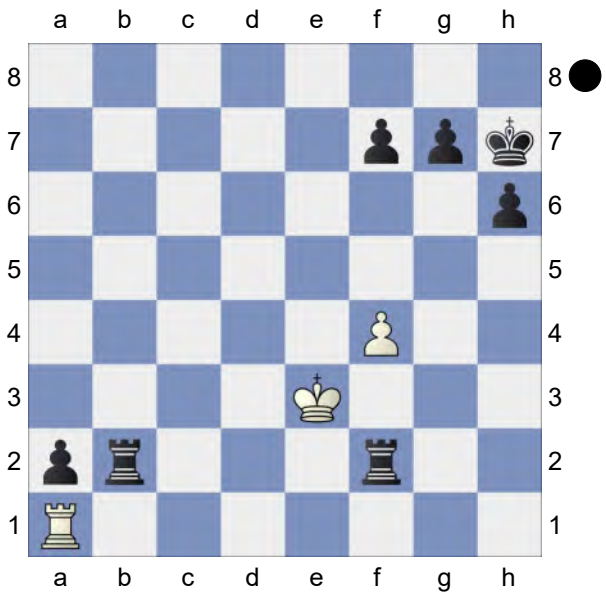
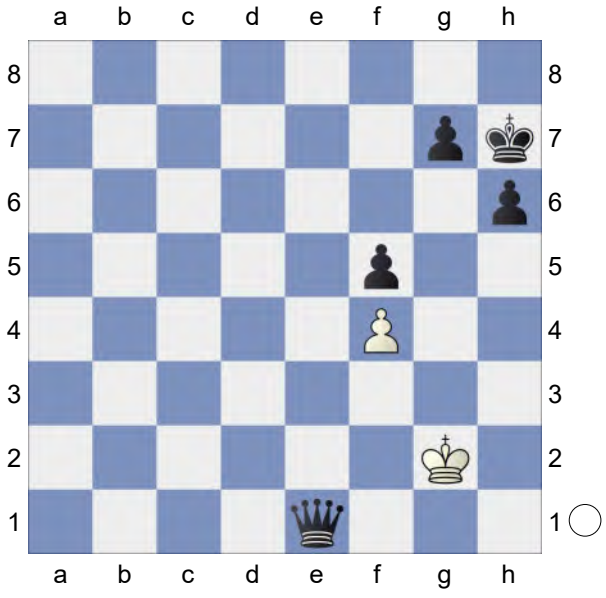


Black mates. **57...Rb1! 58.Rxb1 axb1Q 59.Kxf2 Qe1+ 60.Kg2 f5**



61.Kh2 g5 62.Kg2 gxf4 63.Kh2 Qe2+ 64.Kg1 f3 65.Kh1 Qg2#

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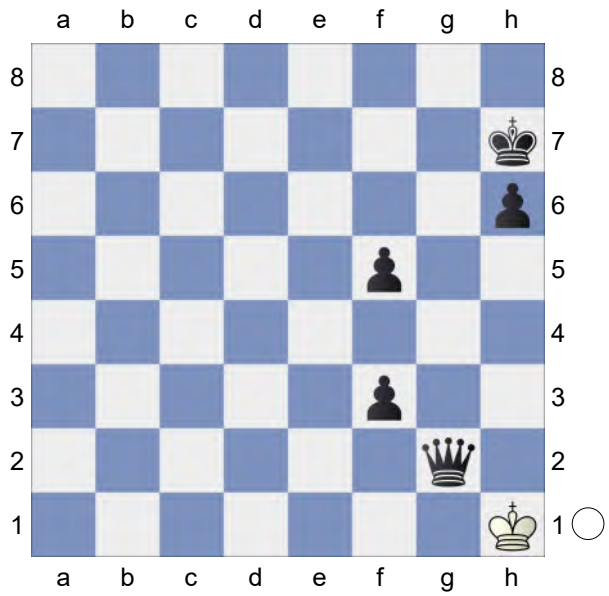

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30 **C89**
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2609**
■ **Gustafsson,J** **2604**
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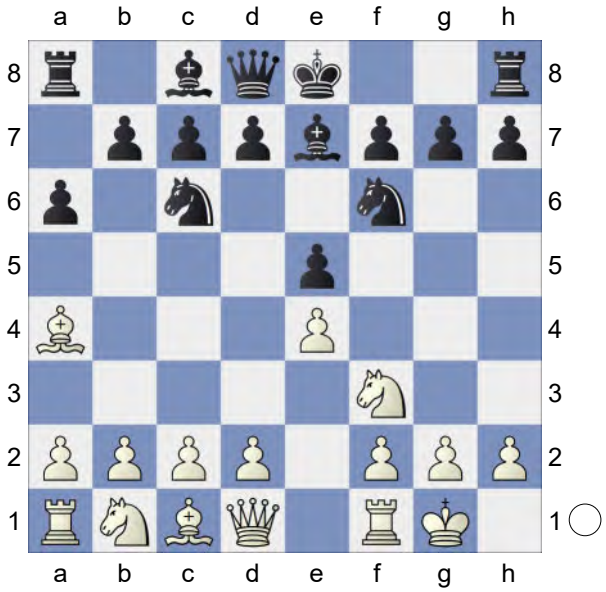
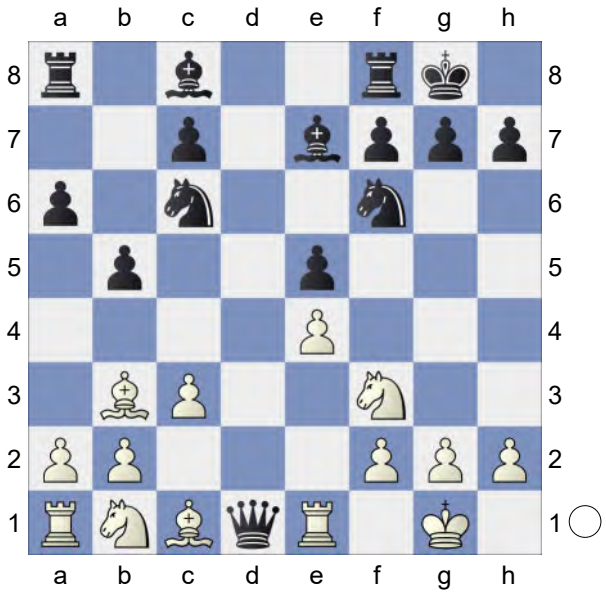


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1



11.Bxd1

[11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+ Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)]

11...h6N

[11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 *(12...Rfd8 13.Bc2 Nd7 14.Nf1 Nc5 15.Ne3 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Rxd3 17.Nd5 Bd6 18.Rf1 f5 19.Ne1 fxe4 20.Ne3 Rd8 21.Nxd3 exd3 22.Nf5 e4 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Bf4 Rd7 25.f3 exf3 26.Rxf3 Ne7 27.Re3* 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4-Mozny,M 2.BLW9697 Wattenscheid-Andernach 1979 130 Colovic [Harikrishna,Pentala] ½-½ *)* 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6 The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]

[11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5 Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64)]

12.Nbd2 Be6 13.a4 Nd7 Black has an edge. **14.Be2 b4 15.Bc4 Nc5**

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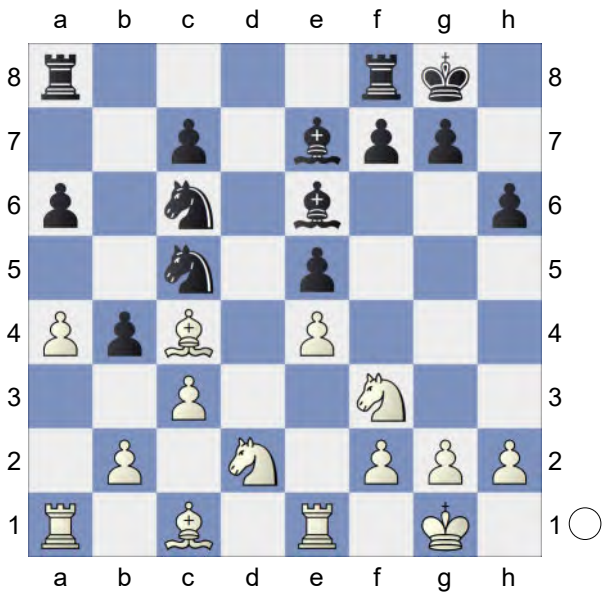
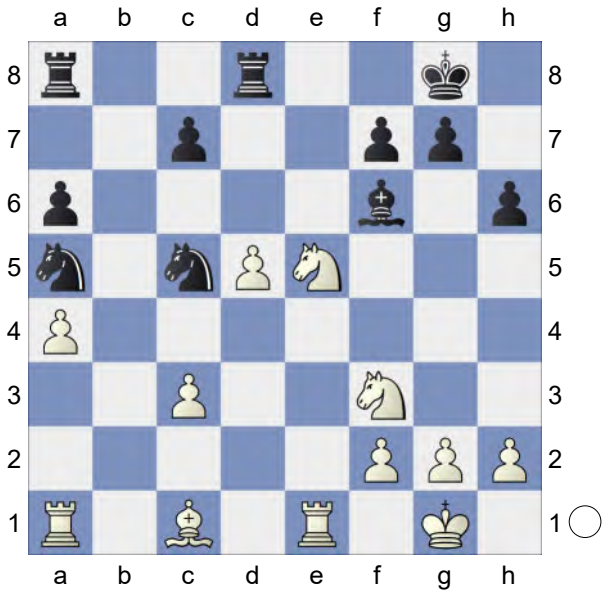
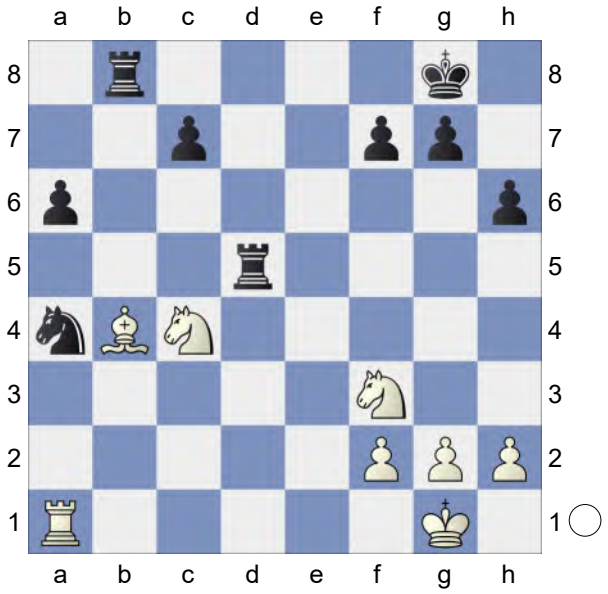


16.Bd5!
[16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Rb1 *(17.Nxe5? Nc2-+)* 17...Nbd3∓]
16...bxc3 17.bxc3 Bxd5 18.exd5 Na5
19.Nxe5 Bf6 1.32/22
[19...Rfe8!= 0.22/22]
20.Ndf3 0.43/23
[Only move: 20.Ba3± 1.32/22 Rfe8 21.Bxc5 Bxe5 22.Bb4]
20...Rfd8±



21.Ba3 Rxd5
[21...Nd7 with more complications. 22.Bb4 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Rxd5 24.Rad1 Rxe5]
22.c4 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Hoping for Ne3.
23...Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Black should prevent Ne3. **24...Nxa4 25.Bb4 Rb8**



26.Be1 White has compensation.
26...Nc5 27.h3 -0.34/21
[27.g3= 0.18/22]
27...Rbd8 0.64/22
[27...Nd3!∓ -0.34/21]
28.Kh2 0.01/20
[White should try 28.Ne3!± 0.64/22]
28...Rd1= 29.Ra5 -0.98/23
[29.Ra2!= 0.13/24]

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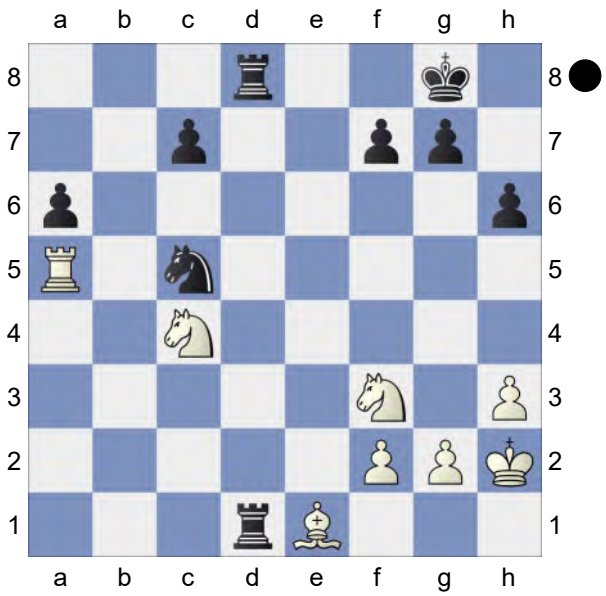
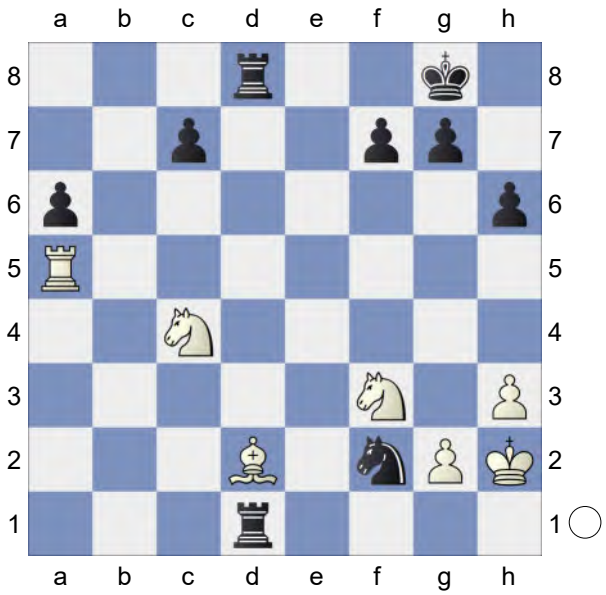


29...Nd3!∓ &Nero is more active. **30.Bd2 Nxf2**



31.Rxa6 Rh1+ 32.Kg3 Ne4+ 33.Kf4 Nxd2 34.Ncxd2 Rc1 Prevents Rc6. **35.Ne4 Rc2**

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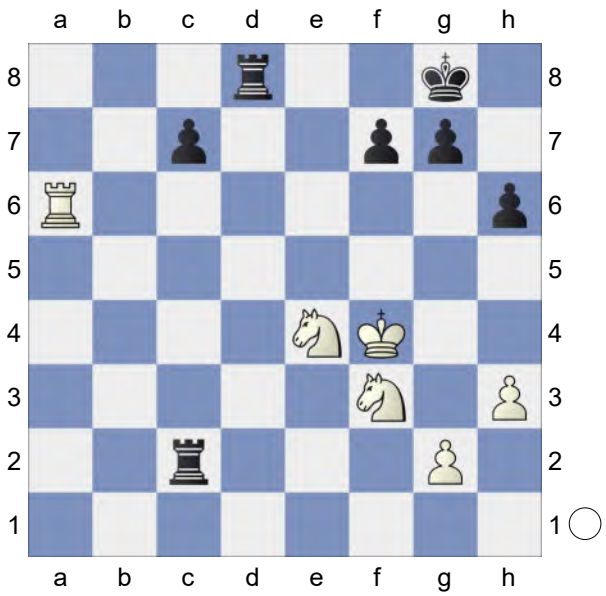
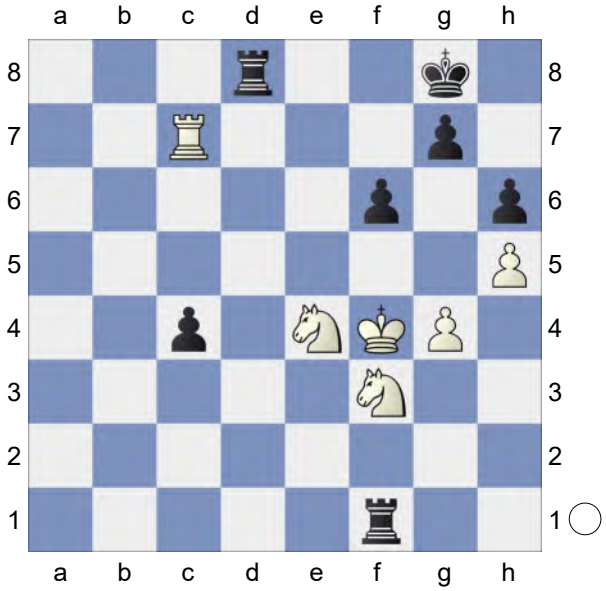
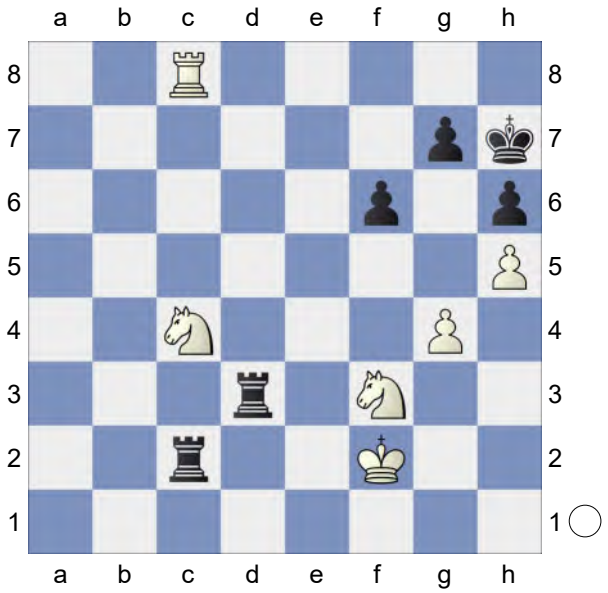


36.g4 Rc1 37.h4 c5 -0.01/22
[37...Rd3∓ -0.34/20 38.Nf2 Rd6 39.Ra8+ Kh7]
38.Rc6= c4 39.Rc7 f6
[39...Rf1!? 40.Kg3 *(40.Rxc4? Rd3-+)* 40...Rd3 41.Rc8+ Kh7=]
40.h5 Rf1

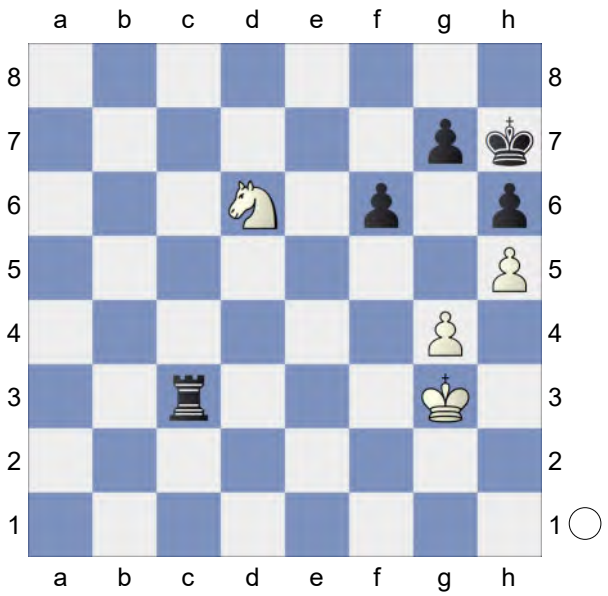


Strongly threatening ...Rd4. **41.Kg3**
[But not 41.Rxc4 Rd3 42.Kf5 *(42.Rc8+? Kf7-+)* 42...Rfxf3+∓]
41...Rd3 42.Ned2 -0.79/28
[42.Nf2= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. Rc3 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Kg2]

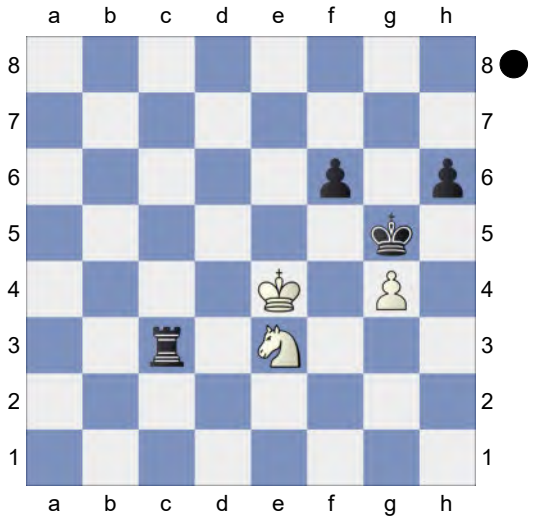
42...Rd1 43.Nxc4 -2.65/31 Now White is beyond hope.
[43.Ne4∓ -1.00/25]
43...Rc1-+ 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.Kf2? -6.15/28
[45.Nd6 -3.02/26 Rf1 46.Nf7 Rfxf3+ 47.Kh2]
45...Rc2+



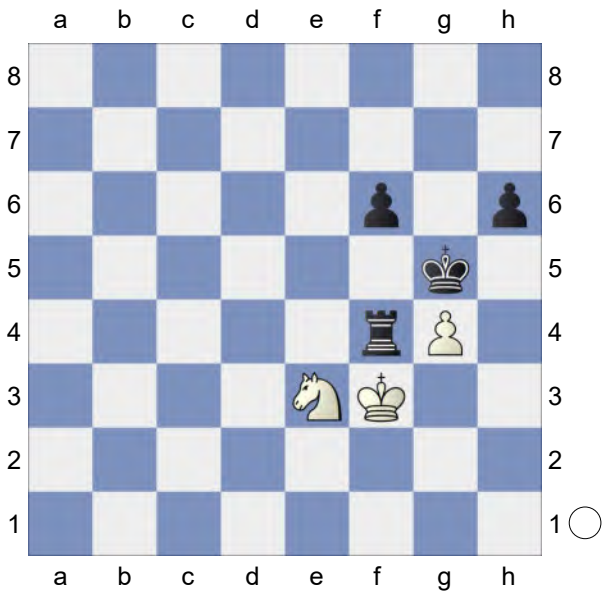
46.Kg3 Rcc3 47.Nd6 Rxf3+ Endgame KRR-KRN **48.Kg2 Rg3+ 49.Kf2 Rxc8 50.Kxg3** KR-KN
50...Rc3+



51.Kf4 g5+ 52.hxg6+ Kxg6 53.Nf5 Rc4+ 54.Kf3 Kg5 (-> …Rf4+) **55.Ne3 Rf4+** -14.28/32
[⌓55...Rc3 -#17/25 56.Ke4



Rxe3+! 57.Kxe3 Kxg4 58.Kf2 h5 59.Kg2 f5 60.Kh2 h4 61.Kg1 Kg3 62.Kh1 f4 63.Kg1 h3 64.Kh1 f3 65.Kg1 f2+ 66.Kf1 h2 67.Ke2 h1Q 68.Kd3 f1Q+ 69.Kd4 Qc6 70.Ke3 Qf2+ 71.Kd3 Qcc2#]



56.Kg3 Re4 57.Kf3

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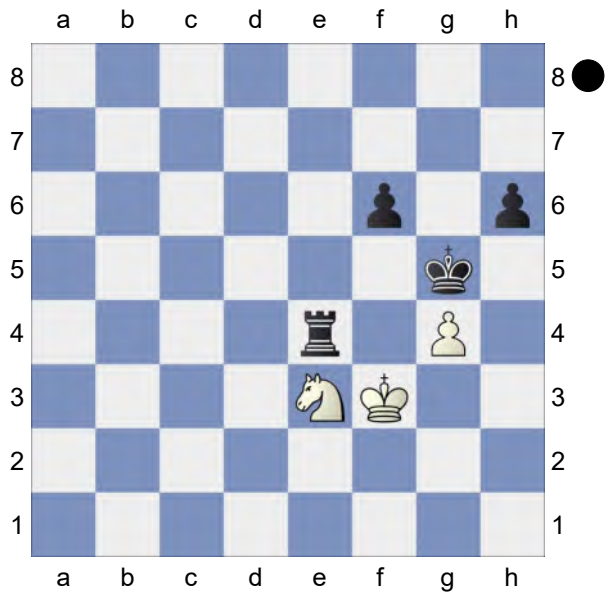

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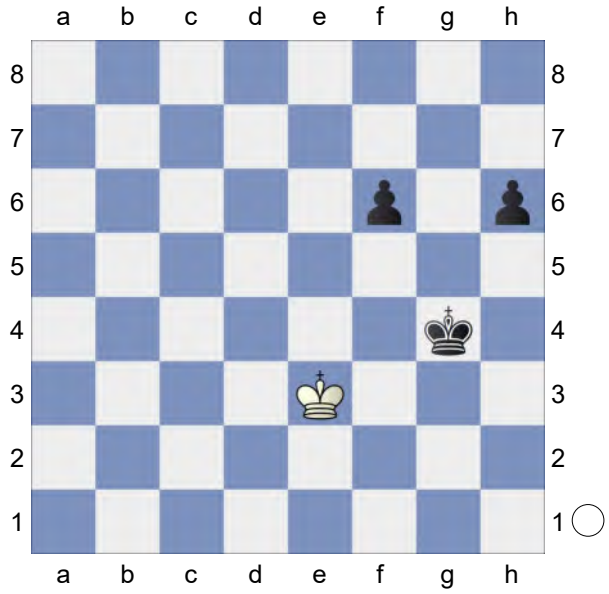

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□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2624**
■ **Brunello,Sabino** **2514**
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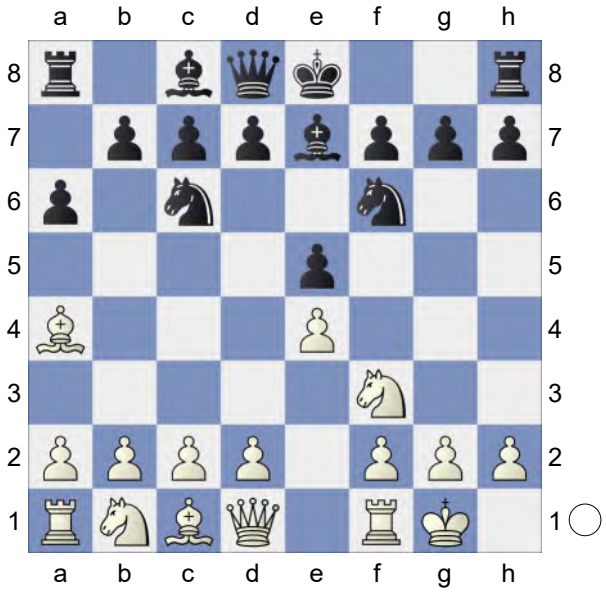
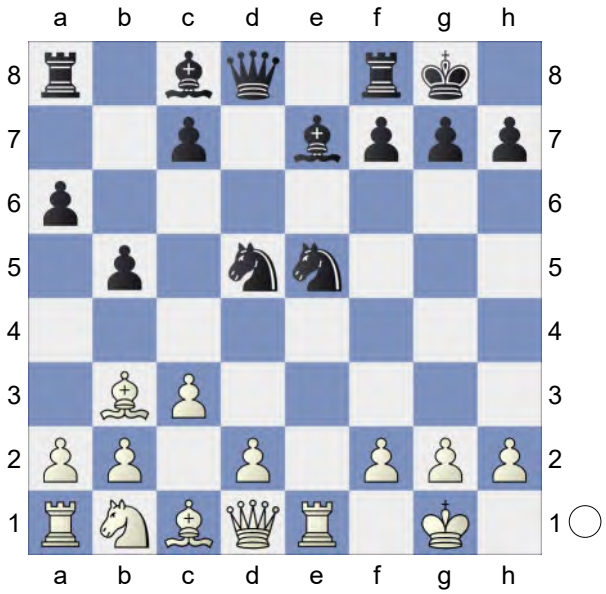
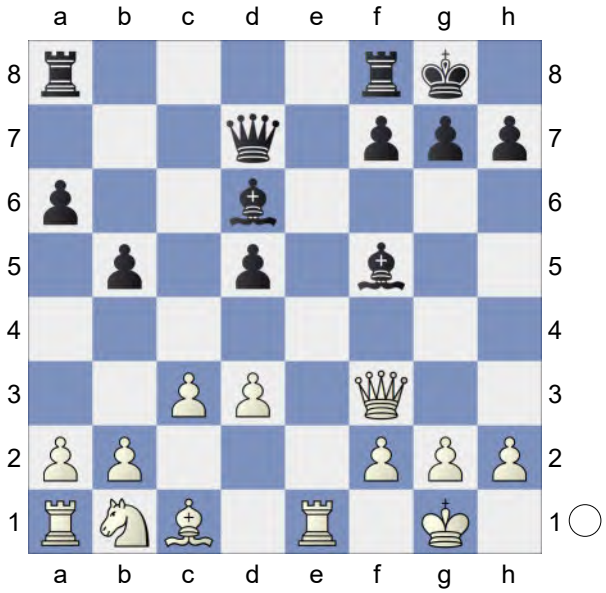


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

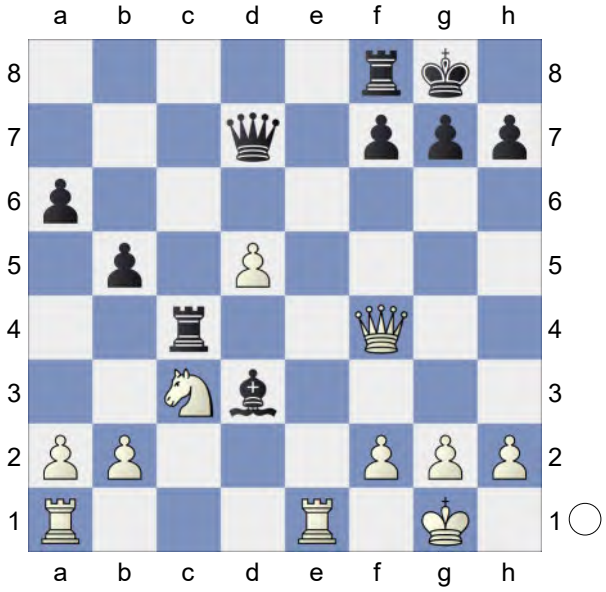


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qd7 Strongly threatening ...Bg4.
15.Bxd5 cxd5

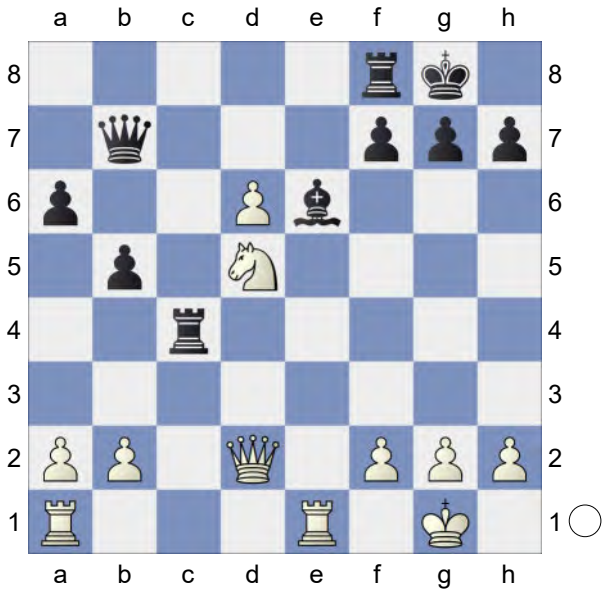


16.Bf4! Bxf4 The position is equal.
[16...Rfe8 17.Nd2 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Bxd3 19.Nb3 *(19.Re3 Be2 20.Nb3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3 Re8 22.Qd2 Bh5 23.f3 f6 24.Rd1 Bf7 25.Nd4 Qc7 26.Re1 Re5 27.Re3 g6 28.Qe2 b4 29.Qd2 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Qc4 31.b3 Qxc3 32.Qxc3 bxc3 33.Kf2 g5* Zagrebelny,S (2490)-Barcenilla,R (2465) Kuala Lumpur 1993 ½-½ (99) *)* 19...Qc6 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2654)-Jud,M (2588) Fusagasuga 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
17.Qxf4 d4N
[17...Bxd3 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Bg6 21.Re1 h6 22.Nb3 Rc8 23.a3 Qc7 24.Nd4 Qc4 25.h4 a5 26.h5 Bxh5 27.Nf5 Rf8 28.Qe5 Qg4 29.Nxg7 Bg6 30.Ne8 Qg5 31.Qg7# 1-0 (31) Trompowsky Attack,C (2540)-Sanders,T (2480) San Diego 1989 Mega2017 Updates [Telescacco 7-98]]

18.cxd4 Rac8 1.05/20
[18...Rad8± 0.58/20 might be stronger.]
19.Nc3± Bxd3 20.d5 Rc4 2.27/21
[20...Qf5± 1.28/21 21.Qxf5 Bxf5]



21.Qd2!+- Bf5 22.d6 Be6 23.Nd5 Qb7



Prevents Nb6. **24.b3! Rc5 25.Ne7+ Kh8**

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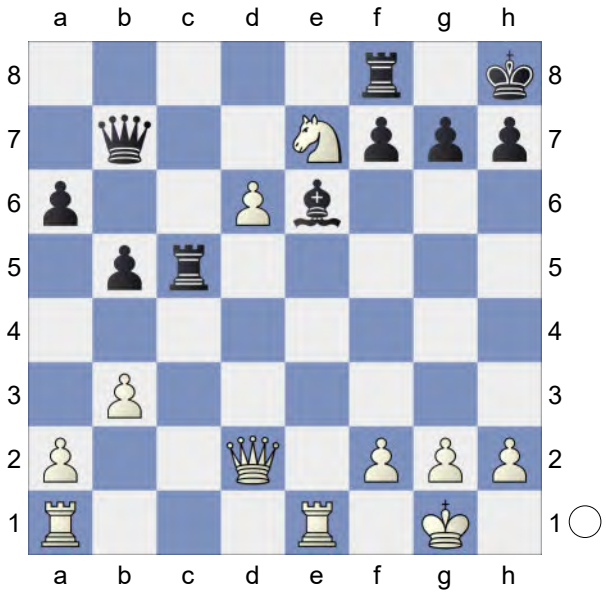
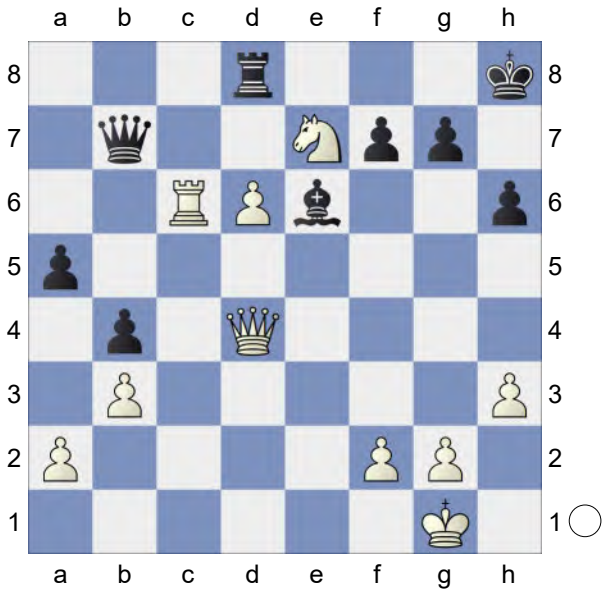
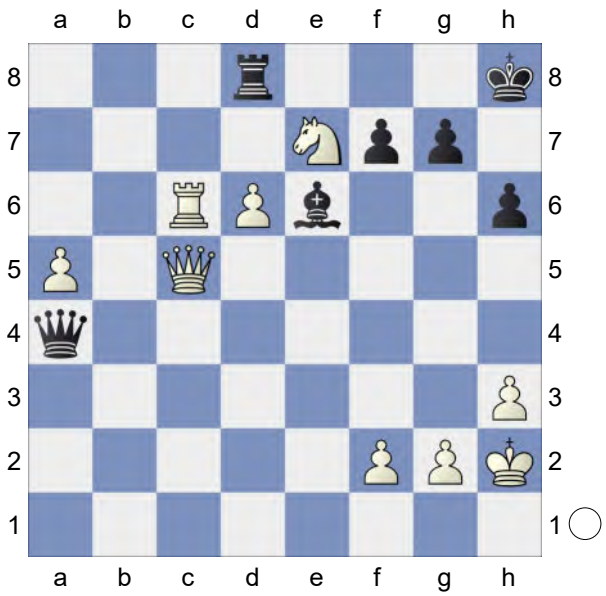


26.Rac1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1
[Much less strong is 27.Qxc1?! Qd7+-]
27...h6 28.h3 Rd8 29.Rc6 b4 30.Qd4 Rb6 is the strong threat. **30...a5?** 4.82/24
[30...Qb5 2.60/21 31.Kh2 a5]

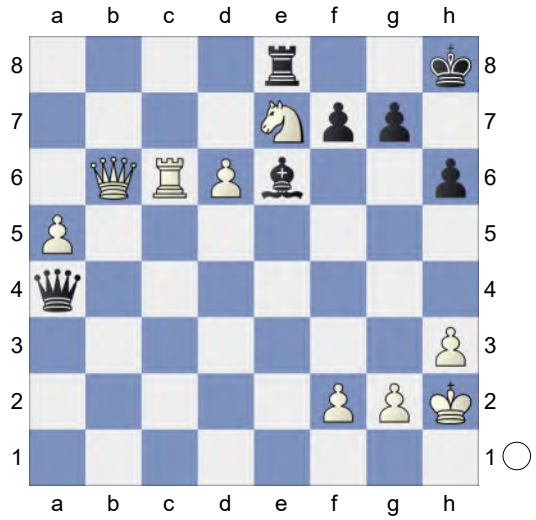


31.Qc5 a4 32.bxa4 b3 33.axb3 Qxb3 34.a5 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qa4

(Diagram)



White is clearly winning. **36.a6** 7.63/21
[⌓36.Qb6 15.42/20 Re8



37.d7! Qf4+ 38.g3]
36...Ra8 37.Nd5 Qe4 38.Nc7 Bd7 39.Rb6

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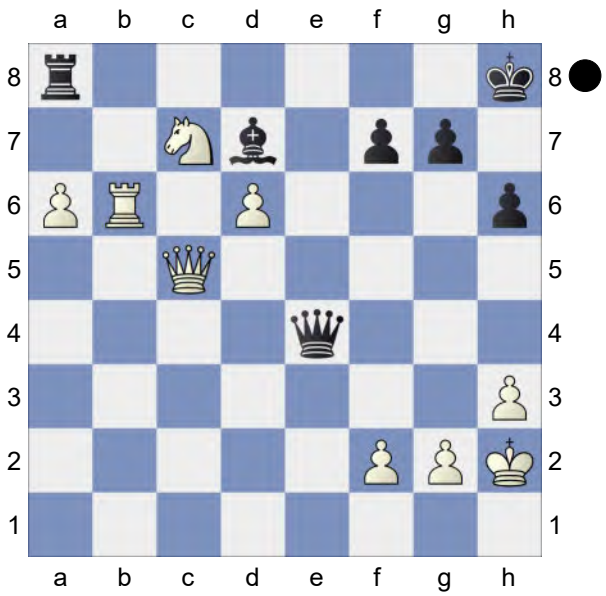

White took control after the opening.
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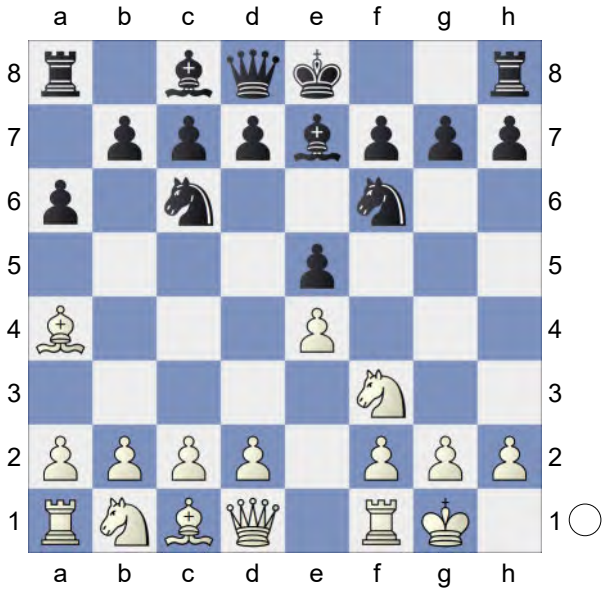
32 **C89**
□ **kaveh68** **2425**
■ **marci_chess** **2562**
Rapid 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



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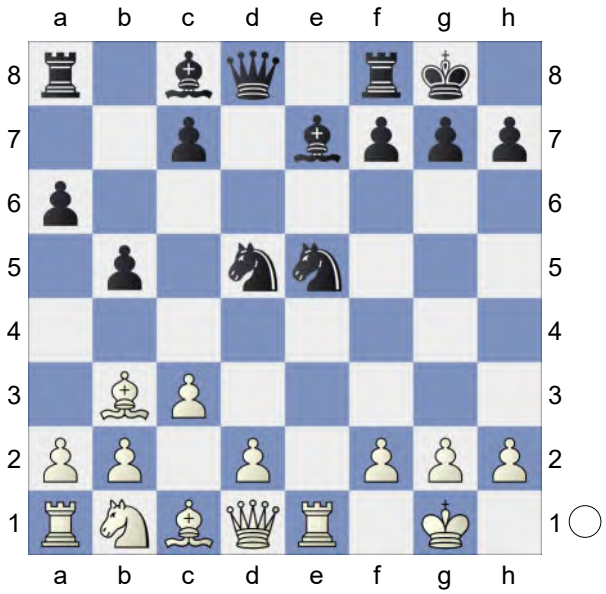
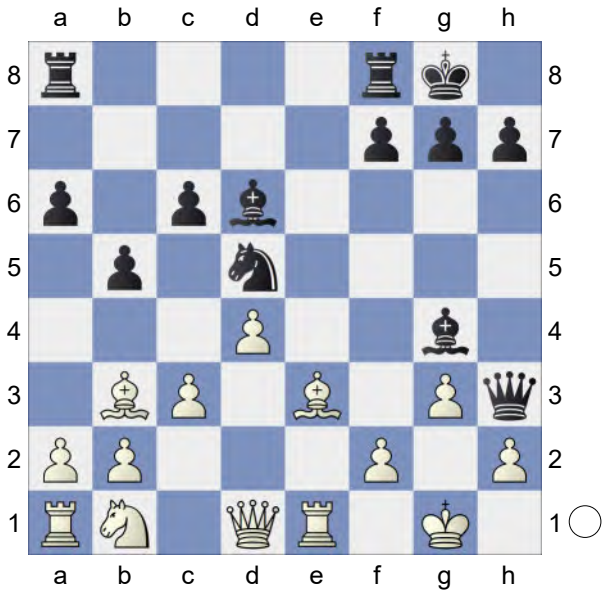
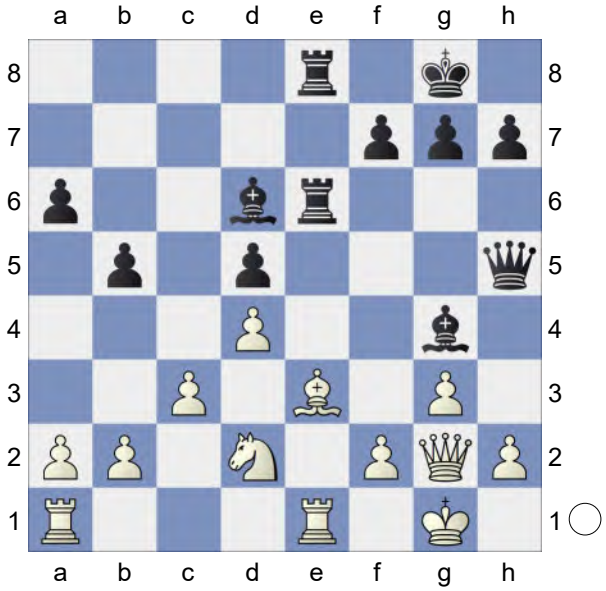


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.Qf1
[18.a4!?]
18...Qh5 19.Qg2 Rfe8 20.Bxd5 cxd5



Black is slightly better. **21.a4** **f5N**
0.74/24 &Nero is more active.
[21...b4∓ -0.69/22 22.Rac1 *(22.c4 dxc4 23.d5 Rg6 24.Bf4 Rf8 25.Bxd6 Rxd6 26.Nxc4 Bf3 27.Qf1 Rxd5* C 89/27) 22...bxc3 23.bxc3 Bh3 24.Qf3 Bg4 25.Qg2 Bh3 26.Qf3 Bg4 27.Qh1 Be2 28.Rb1 Bc7 29.Rb7 Ba5 30.Rd7 Bxc3

31.Rxd5 Qg6 32.Rxe2 Bxd2 33.Qf3 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Bb4 35.Rd7 f5 36.d5 Rg6 Ye,J-Norris,A Mexico City 1980 MCD [ChessBase II] 1-0 (40)]

[21...bxa4 22.Rxa4 Bf4 23.Ra5 g5 24.gxf4 gxf4 25.Rxd5 f5 26.Re5 Rxe5 27.dxe5 fxe3 28.Rxe3 f4 29.Re1 Kh8 30.Qc6 Matsukevich,A-Semenov corr 1983]

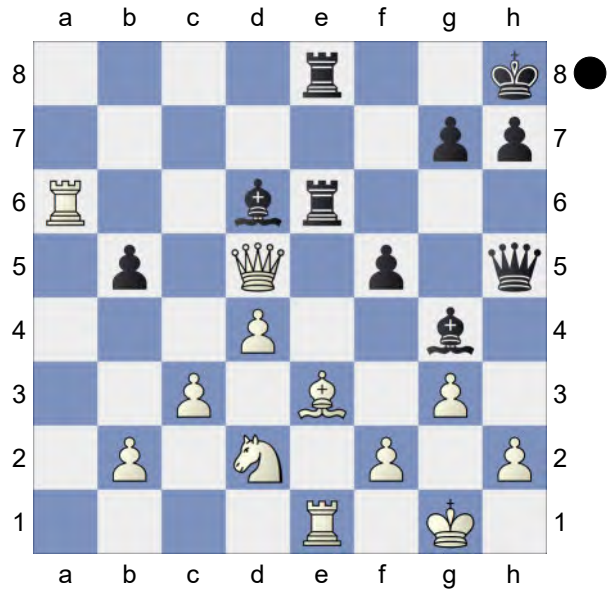
[21...Bf4 22.gxf4 Rg6 23.Kh1 Be2 24.axb5 Rxg2 25.Kxg2 Bxb5 26.Nf1 Re6 27.Ng3 Qh4 28.f5 Rb6 29.b3 g6 30.Ra5 gxf5 31.Bf4 Rg6 32.c4 Bd7 0-1 (34) 15.Bb3 Re8 16.h3 Nf6-Drouot,F Bochum 1972 CT-1892 [John Watson]]

22.Qxd5± Kh8 2.50/22

[22...f4± 1.11/20 23.Qxh5 Bxh5]

23.axb5+- axb5 24.Ra6? -0.97/23

[24.Qxb5+- 2.16/19 aiming for Ra6. Rb8 25.Qd5]



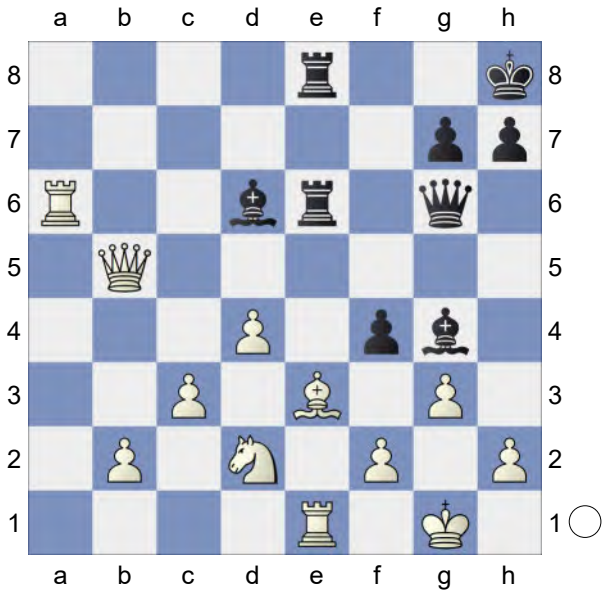
24...Qg6? 1.29/22

[24...Bxg3!∓ -0.97/23 25.hxg3 *(25.Rxe6?* is the wrong capture. *Bxh2+ 26.Kg2 Rxe6-+)* 25...Rxa6]

25.Qxb5? -0.80/22

[25.Kh1± 1.29/22 stays on course.]

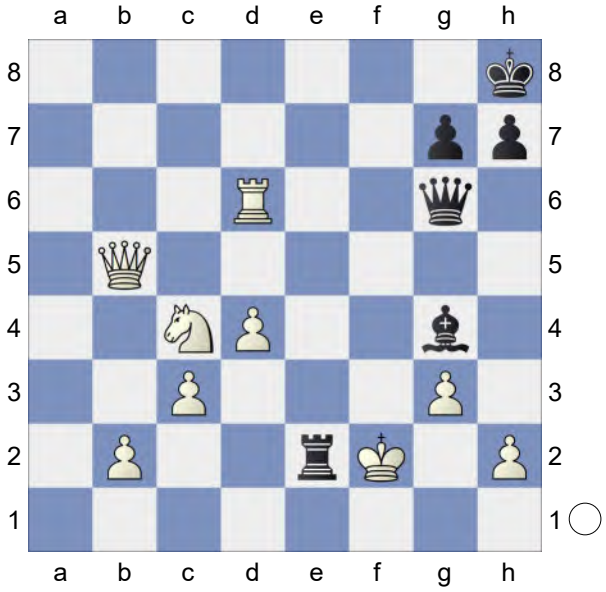
25...f4!∓



And now ...Bh3 would win. **26.Nc4 fxe3 27.Rxd6??** -#5/12

[27.Nxe3∓ -1.31/19 Bf3 28.Rb6]

27...exf2+ Discovered Attack **28.Kxf2 Re2+** Skewer **29.Rxe2 Rxe2+**



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33 **C89**
□ **KhatanbaatarGM** **2673**
■ **kahvitauko** **2568**
Blitz 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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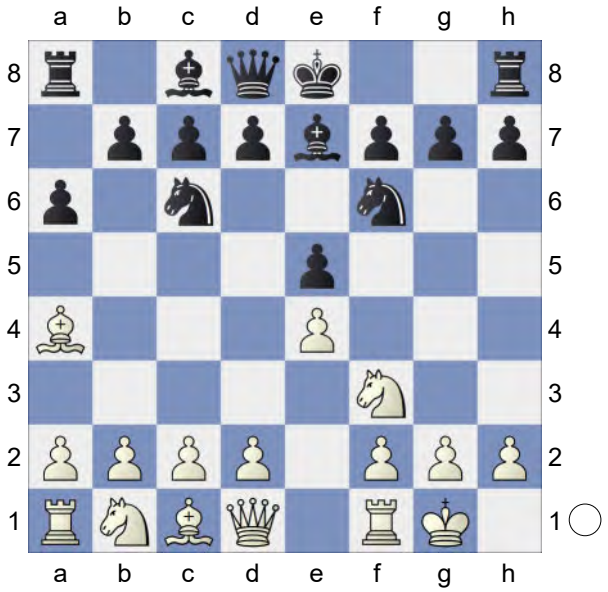
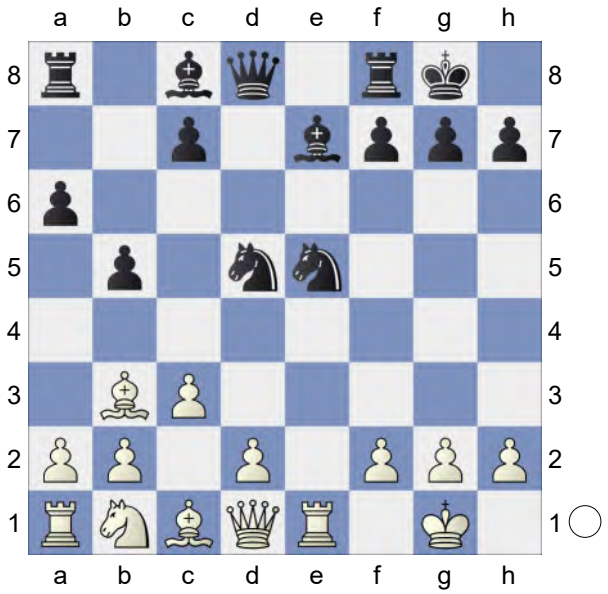
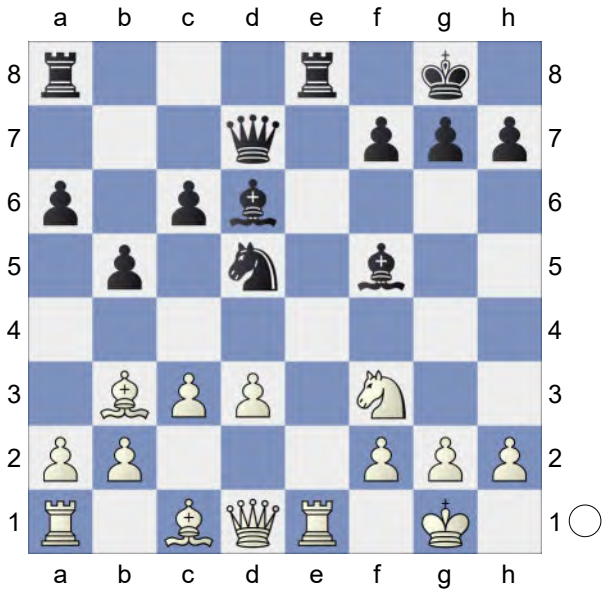


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Nd2 Qd7N 0.63/18
[But not 14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Ne4±]
[14...Nf4= 0.10/18 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) Paks 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] 0-1 (52)*; 15.d4 Qg5 16.g3 Nh3+ 17.Kg2 Nf4+* Marshall 12. d3 (14... Re8) M-14. Nd2 #5 *)* 15...Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3 ½-½ (20) Buchicchio,G (2792)-Logan,T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 2007 Inf 66 [FS 12/1979 p311]]
15.Nf3 0.25/22
[15.Ne4± 0.63/18]
15...Rfe8=

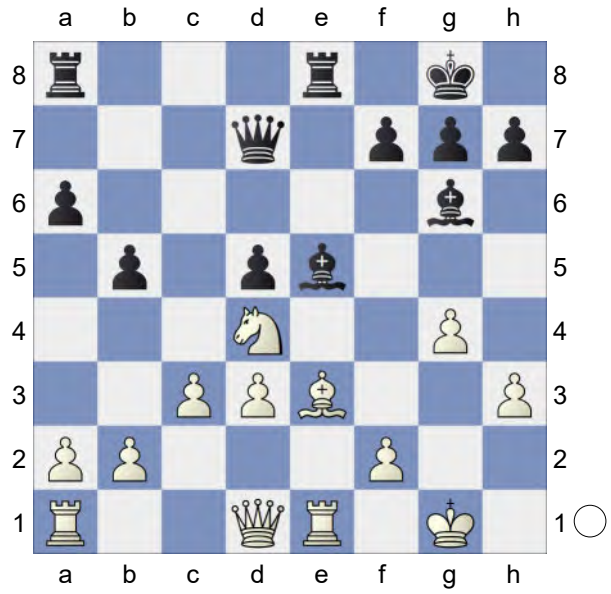


16.Bxd5 White is slightly better.
16...cxd5 17.Be3 0.01/19
[17.Rxe8+± 0.34/18 Rxe8 18.Be3]
17...Bg4 18.h3 Bh5
[18...Bxh3!? 19.Nd4 *(19.gxh3 Qxh3*

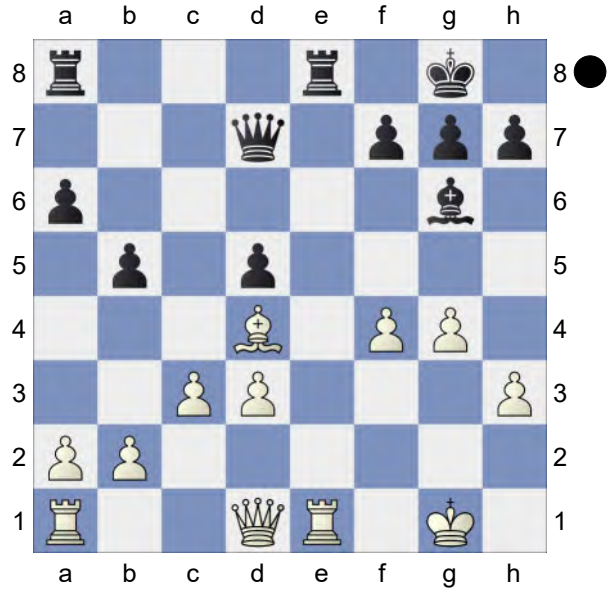
20.Ng5 Qh2+ 21.Kf1 Qh1+ 22.Ke2 Qg2∓) 19...Bf5=]

19.g4 Bg6 20.Nd4 -0.14/18
[⌓20.Bd4 0.24/19]

20...Be5 0.41/16
[Black should play 20...b4= -0.14/18]



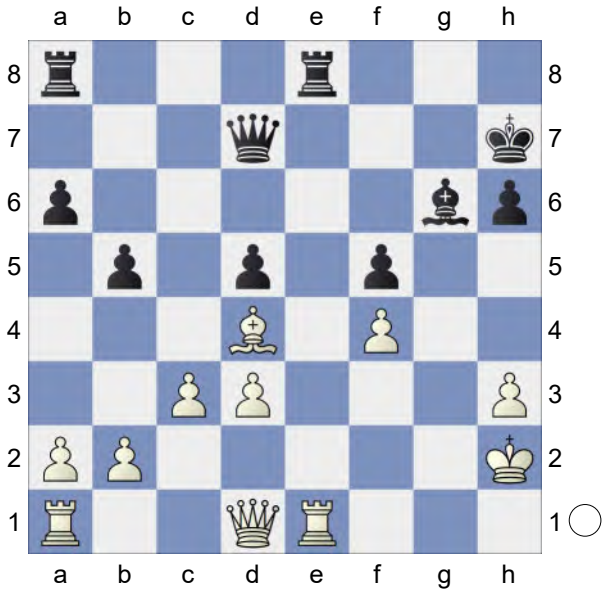
21.f4± Bxd4 22.Bxd4
[22.cxd4!? f5 23.g5±]



And now f5 would win. **22...f5** 1.31/19
[22...Rxe1+= -0.01/21 23.Qxe1 Bxd3]

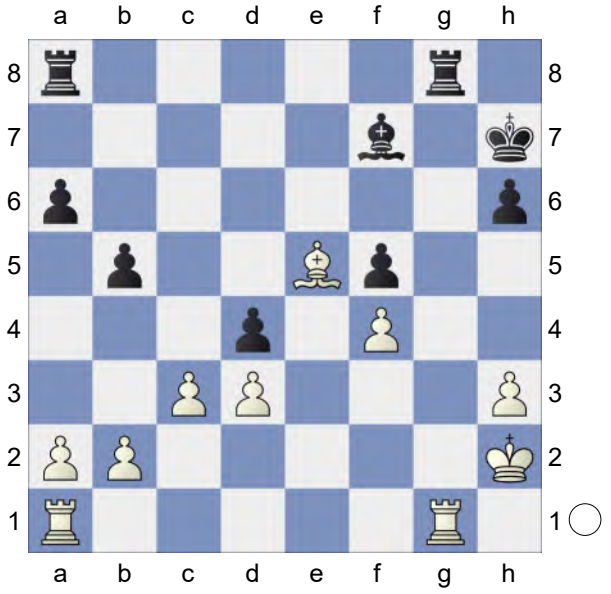
23.g5± White leaves nothing to chance now. **23...h6** 1.98/23
[23...a5± 1.31/19 24.Qd2 Bf7]

24.gxh6+- gxh6 25.Kh2 Kh7



26.Qf3 Bf7 27.Rg1 Rg8 Inhibits Rg7+.
28.Qe3→ White attacks with force.
28...Qe6 29.Qe5 1.50/24
[29.Be5+- 1.97/20]

29...Qxe5± 30.Bxe5 d4 2.29/25
[⌓30...Bh5 1.61/23 31.Rae1 Rae8]



31.Bxd4+- Bd5 32.Be5 Rac8 33.a4
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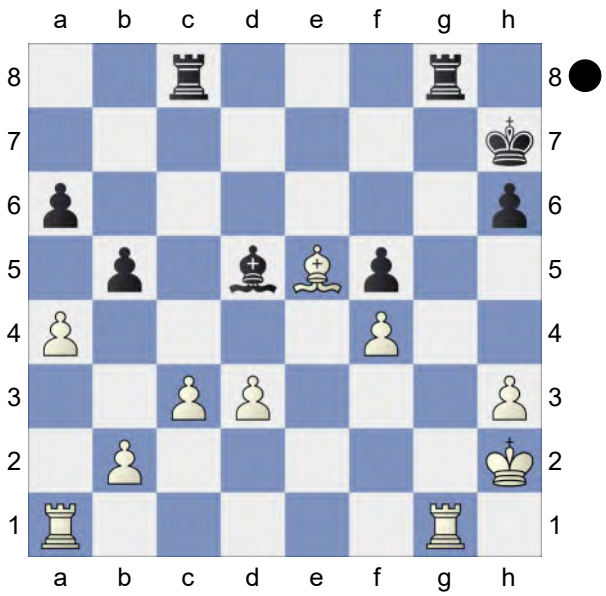
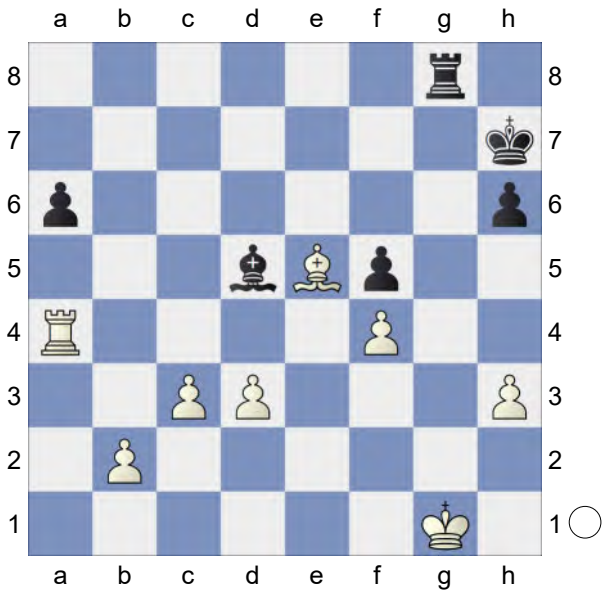
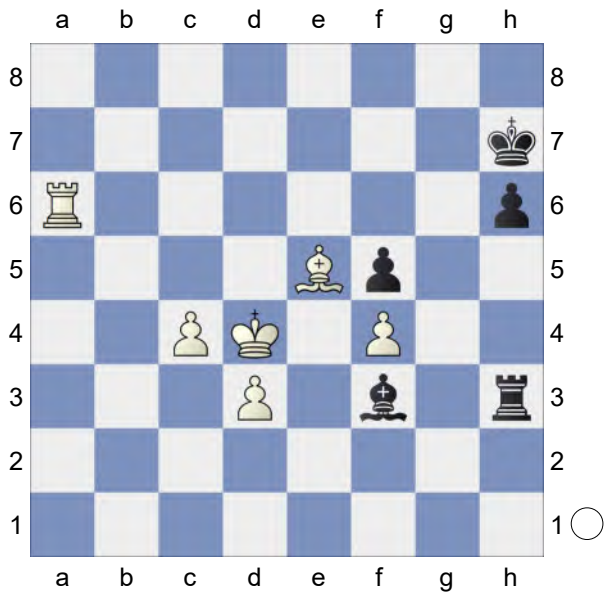


Black must now prevent axb5. **33...bxa4 34.Rxa4 Rxg1 35.Kxg1** Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Rg8+**

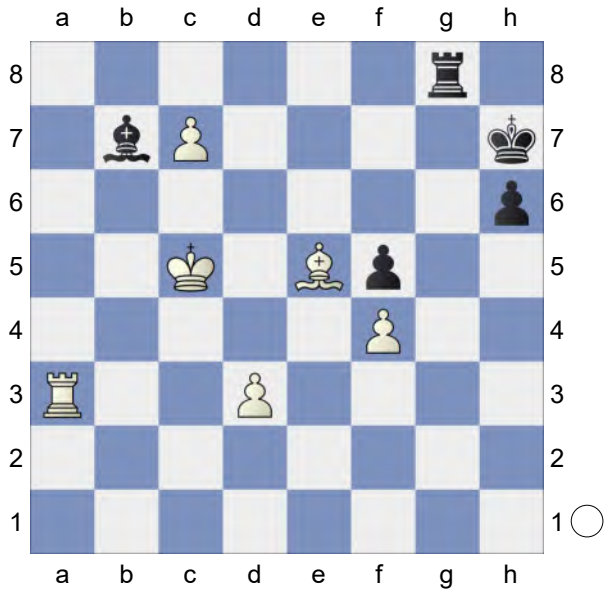


36.Kf2 Rg2+ 37.Ke3 Rxb2 6.53/22
[⌓37...Bb7 4.02/20 38.c4 Rh2]
38.Rxa6 Rh2 39.c4 Rxh3+ 40.Kd4 Bf3

(Diagram)

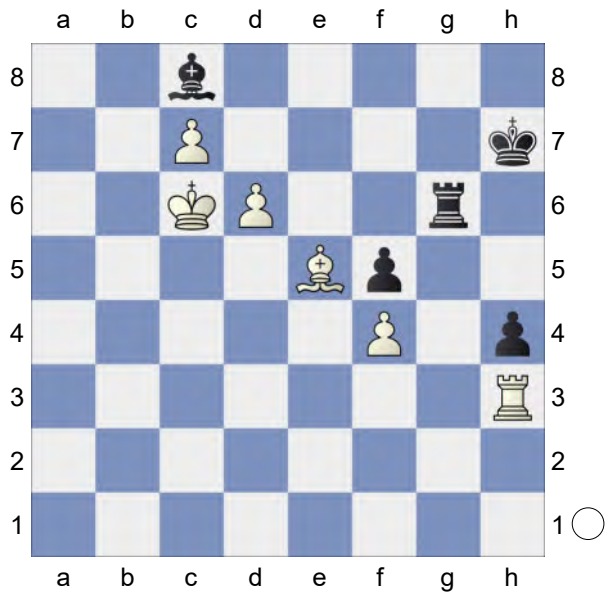


41.c5 Be2 42.Ra3 c6 is the strong threat. **42...Rg3?** 11.57/27
[42...Bf3 3.87/22 43.Ra7+ Kg8]
43.c6 Ra7+ would kill now. **43...Rg8 44.c7 Bf3 45.Kc5 Bb7**

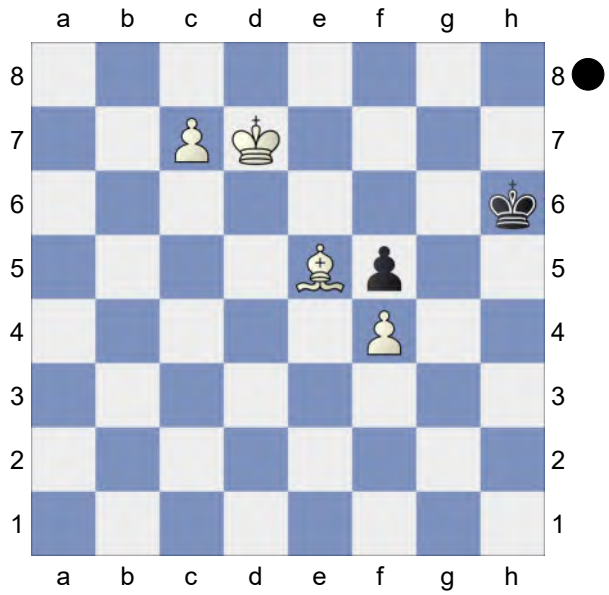


46.d4 h5 47.d5 White threatens d6 and mate. **47...h4 48.Rh3** Strongly threatening d6. **48...Rg4 49.d6 Bc8 50.Kc6 Rg6**

(Diagram)



51.Rxh4+ Rh6 52.Rxh6+ Kxh6 53.d7 Bxd7+ 54.Kxd7



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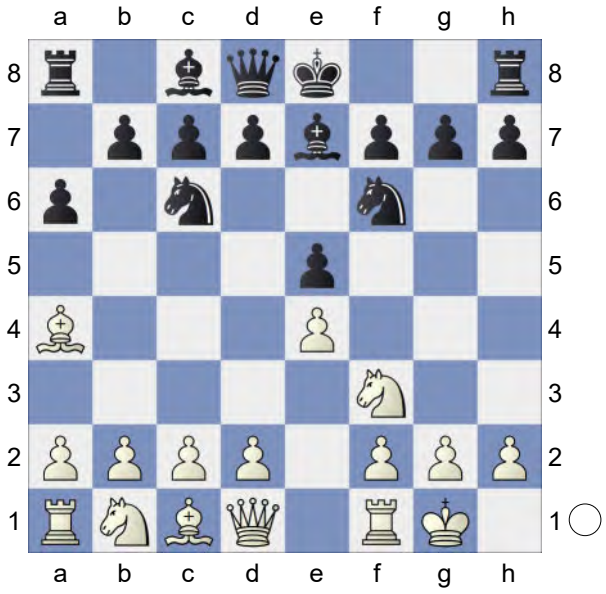
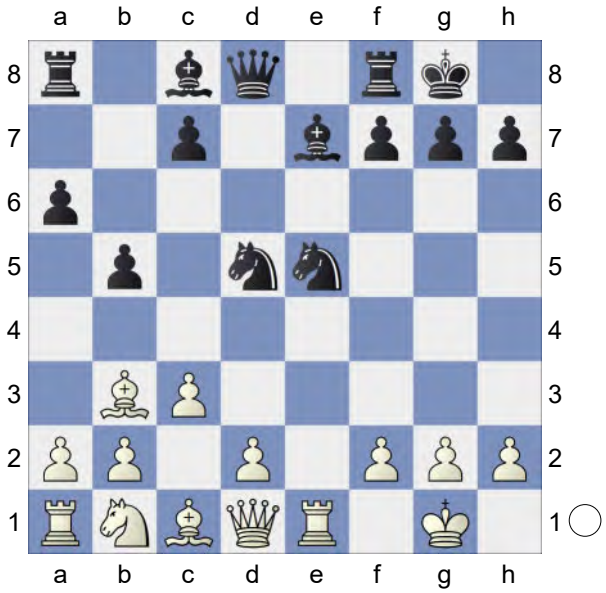
34 **C89**
□ **Kong,Xiangrui** **2457**
■ **Li Chao2** **2635**
TCh-CHN DivA Finals 2024 (3.1) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

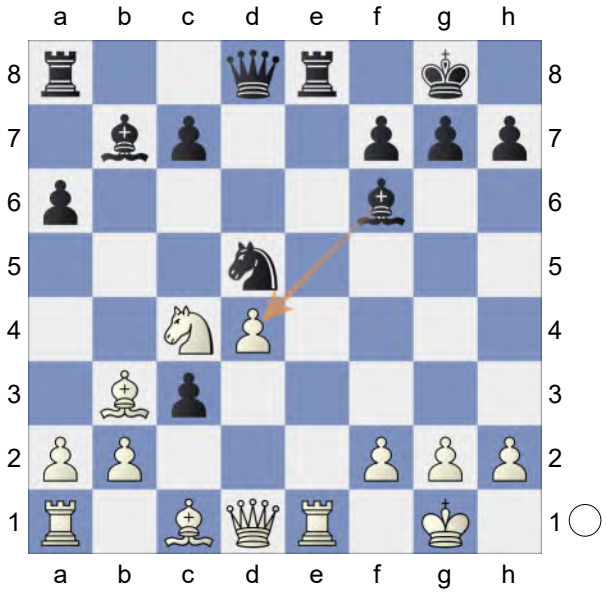
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 b4 White is slightly better.
15.Nc4 Threatens to win with Na5.
15...bxc3



Strongly threatening ...Bxd4! **16.Ne5N**
[16.Na5
A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)*
17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);
B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8

25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 30.Rxa5 Bxd4 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]

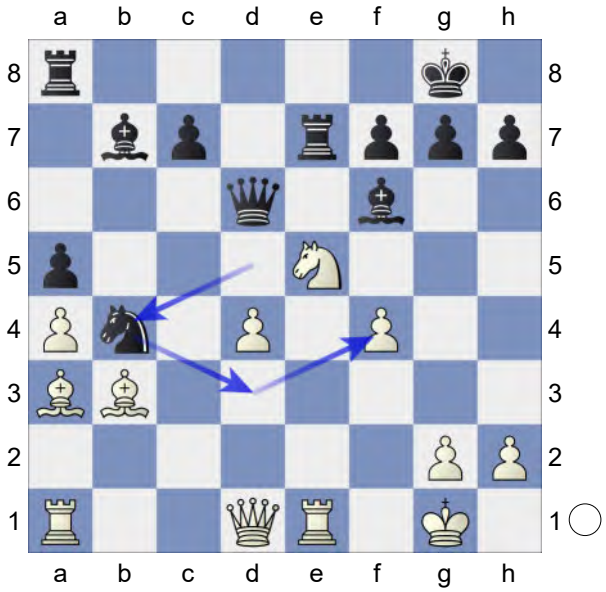
16...Qd6 17.f4

[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7 19.bxc3 f6±]

17...cxb2 18.Bxb2 a5 19.a4 Re7 0.44/19

[19...Qb6= -0.01/17 feels stronger.]

20.Ba3!± Nb4



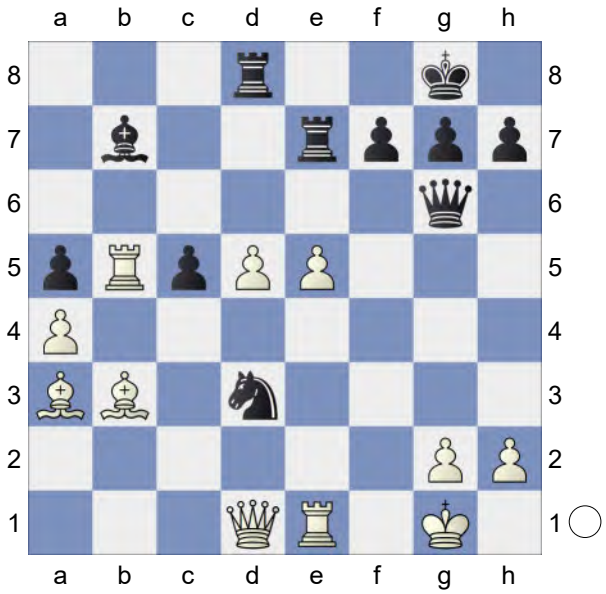
21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Rc5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qg6 24.d5 0.01/19

[24.Qe2± 0.37/21 was preferrable.]

24...Nd3= 25.Rb5! c5? 2.36/19

[25...Nxe1∓ -0.72/19 stays on course. 26.Qxe1 Re6]

(Diagram)



26.Re3!+-

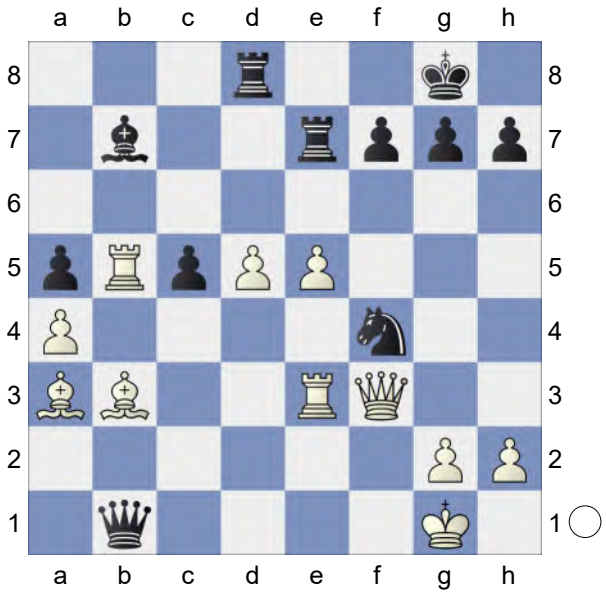
[26.Bxc5 Nxc5 27.Bc2 *(27.Rxc5? Qb6-+)* 27...Qh6 28.Rxc5 Qb6-+]

26...Nf4 27.Qf3

[27.Rg3 Qe4 28.Bxc5 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Red7∓]

27...Qb1+

[27...Nxd5? 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Qxd5!!+-]



28.Bd1? 0.01/24

[28.Kf2!+- 2.15/20 g5 29.Qg4 *(29.Bxc5 Red7±)*]

28...Qf5

[28...Qa1!? 29.Bb2 *(29.Qxf4 Qxd1+ 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ba6∓; 29.Bxc5 Rxd5 30.Re1 g5∓)* 29...Qb1=]

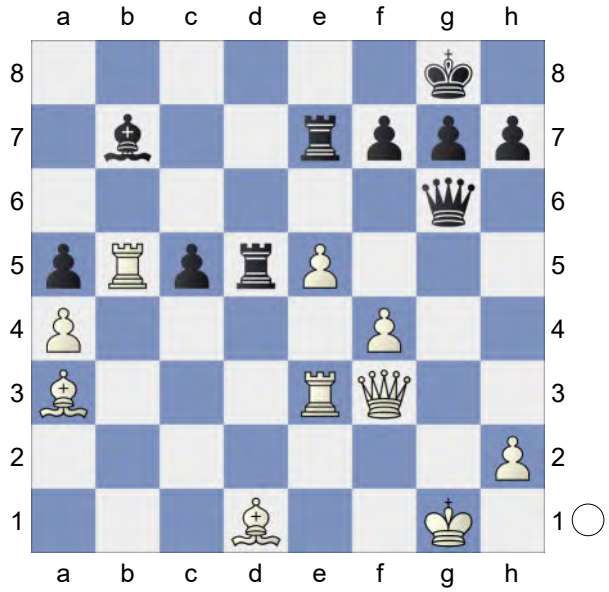
29.g3

[Don't play 29.Rxc5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5∓]

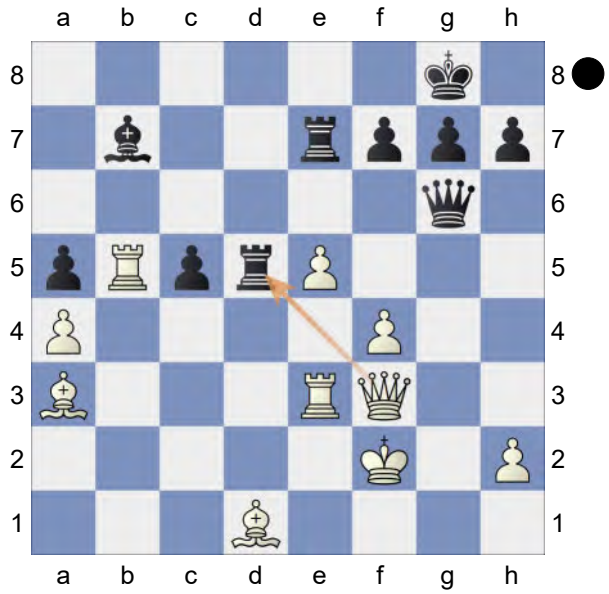
29...Rxd5 30.gxf4

[30.Rxb7!? Rxb7 31.gxf4±]

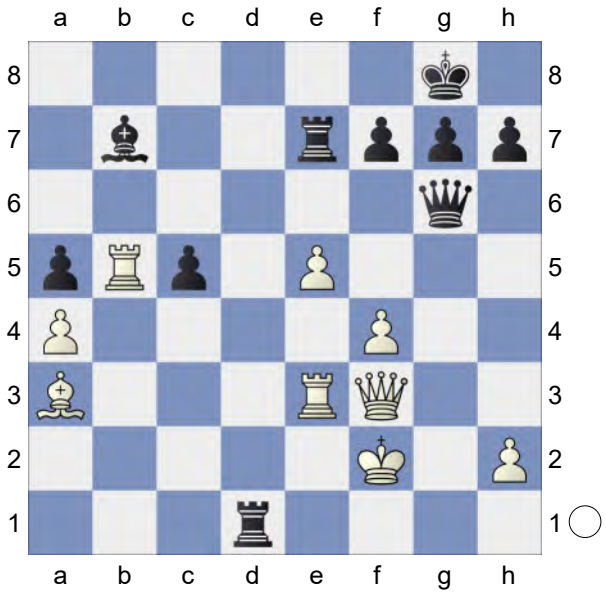
30...Qg6+



31.Kf2



Hoping for Qxd5! **31...Rxd1!**
(Diagram)



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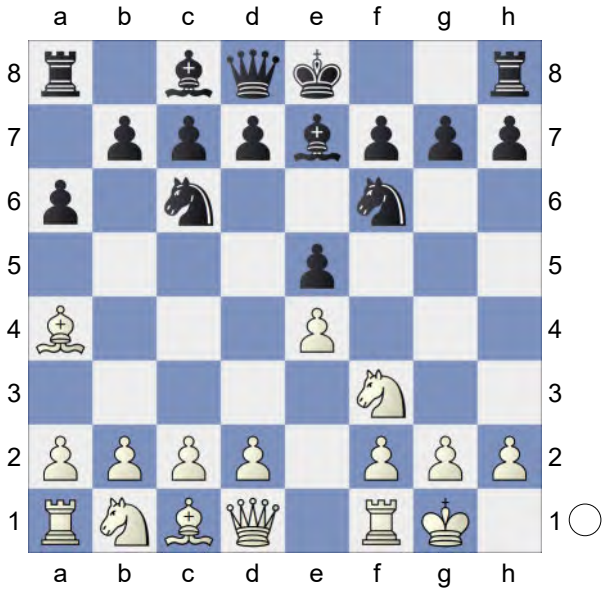
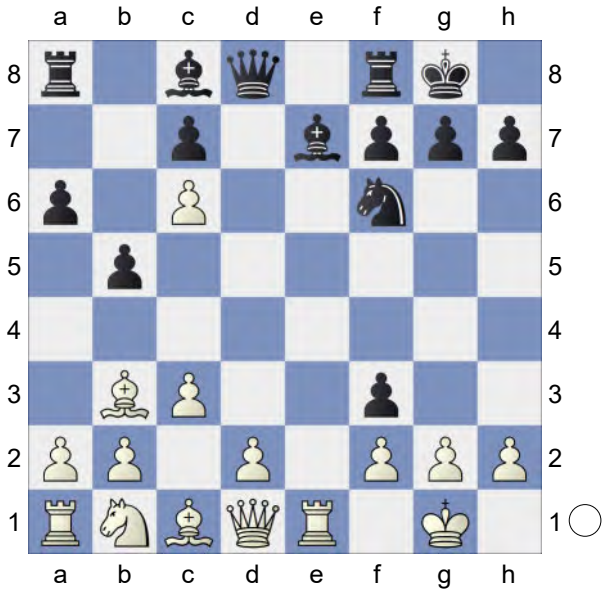
½-½

35 **C89**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3274**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2763**
Blitz 30.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+3sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

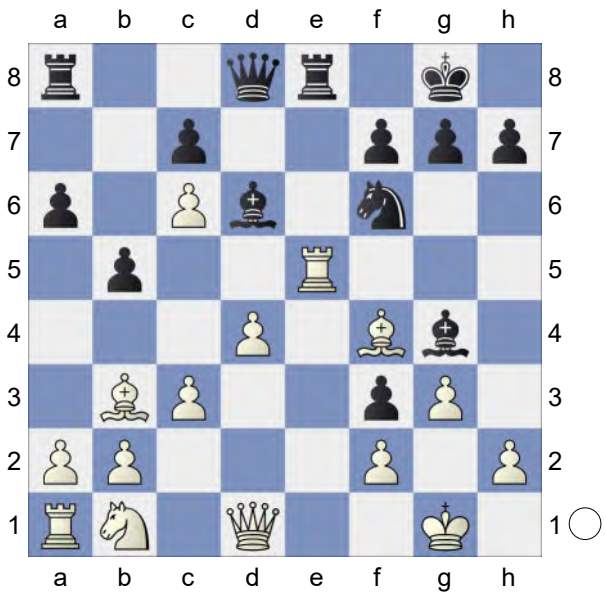


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 e4 0.74/16 **10.dxc6±** Threatens to win with Ne5. **10...exf3**

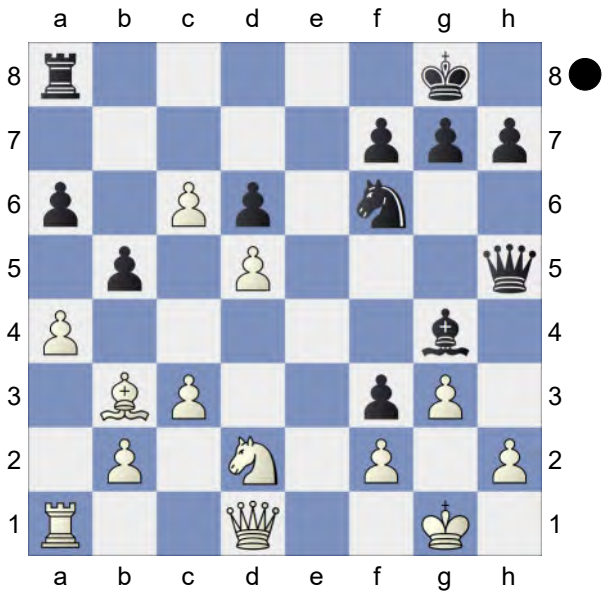


11.g3!
[11.gxf3?! Bd6 12.d4 Nh5=]
[11.Qxf3 Bg4 12.Qg3 Bd6±]
11...Bg4 12.d4 White is better. **12...Re8 13.Bf4N**
[13.Bg5 h6 *(13...Qd6 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re5 Bg6 16.Qxf3 Ne4 17.Bf4 Qf6 18.Bd5 Nd6 19.Nd2 h6 20.Rae1 Bf5 21.g4 Bc2 22.Qe3 g5 23.Bxg5 Qxg5 24.Rxe7 Qxd5 25.Qxh6 Rxe7 26.Rxe7 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Nxe8 28.h4* Calzolari,G-Zolet,A Italy 1987 1-0 (42)) 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd2 Qd6 16.h3 Bh5 17.Qc2 Bg5 18.Ne4 Qxc6 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Qf5 Ruy Lopez-Marshall Steiner Gambit [EA] Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Re5 Rxe5 23.dxe5 Bg6 24.Qxg5 Qe4 25.Qd8+ Kh7 26.Qh4+ Qxh4 27.gxh4 f6 28.exf6 gxf6 29.Bd5 a5 30.b4 axb4 31.cxb4 Bd3 32.Kh2 Bc4 33.Be4+ Kh6 34.a3 1-0 (34) Osnos,V (2741)-Pink,J (2680) a) 2...d5, 2...Nf6 2010 MBM Tarrasch [Read, NIC YB27]]
13...Nd5 1.45/19
[⌓13...Bd6 1.11/18]
14.Re4 1.09/18
[⌓14.Be5 1.45/19]
14...Nf6 15.Re5 &Bianco is more active.
15...Bd6 1.07/18
[⌓15...h5 1.38/18 16.Nd2 Bd6]

(Diagram)



16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Bxd6 cxd6 18.d5 Qe5 19.Nd2 Qh5 20.a4



And now axb5 would win. **20...Nxd5**

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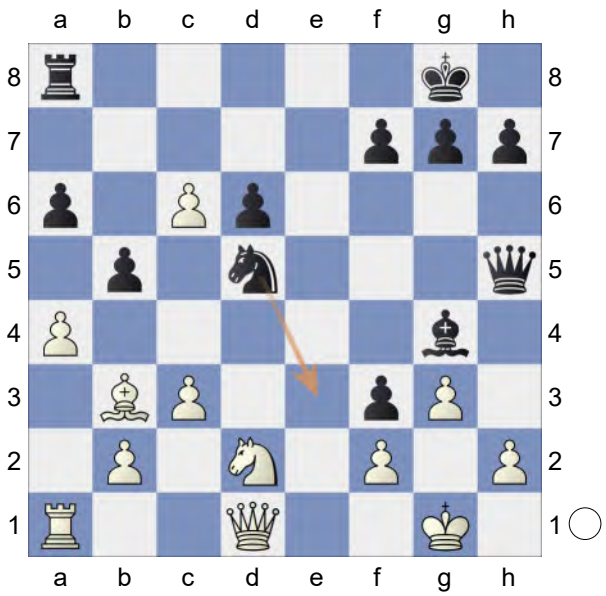
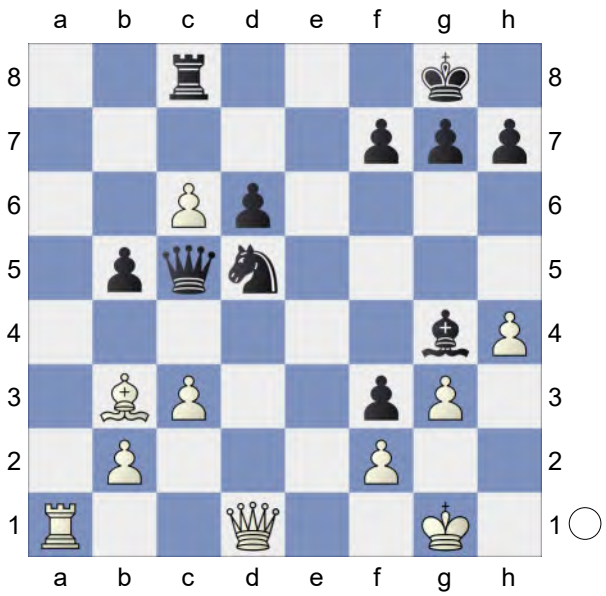


White must now prevent ...Ne3! **21.h4** aiming for axb5.

[Avoid the trap 21.axb5? Ne3 22.Bxf7+ *(22.fxe3? f2+ 23.Kg2 Qh3+ 24.Kh1 Bxd1-+; 22.Qe1 Qh3 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7)* 22...Kxf7 23.Qb3+ *(23.fxe3 f2+ 24.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 25.Ke1 Qxg3+ 26.Kf1 Qh3+ 27.Kf2 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Qh4+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Bxd1-+)* 23...Be6-+]

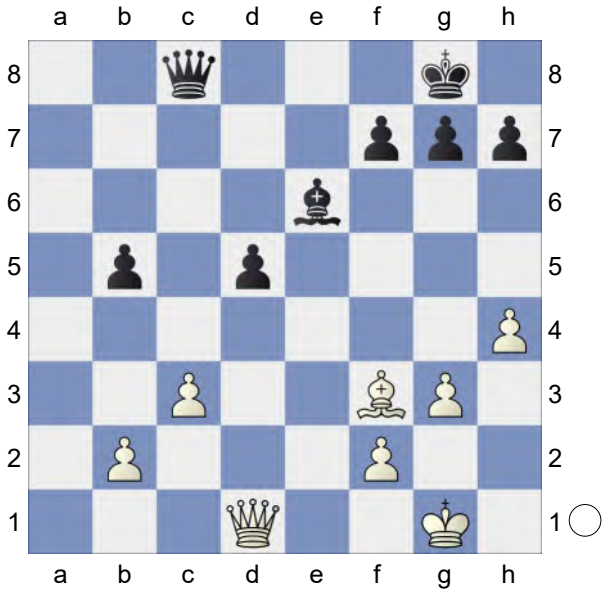
21...Nf6 22.Nf1 Qc5 23.Ne3 Rc8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Nd5 Nxd5



26.Bxd5

[Don't do 26.Qxd5?! Be6 27.Qxc5 dxc5 28.Bxe6 fxe6±]

26...Be6 27.Bxf3 d5 28.Ra6 Rxc6 29.Ra8+ Rc8 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8



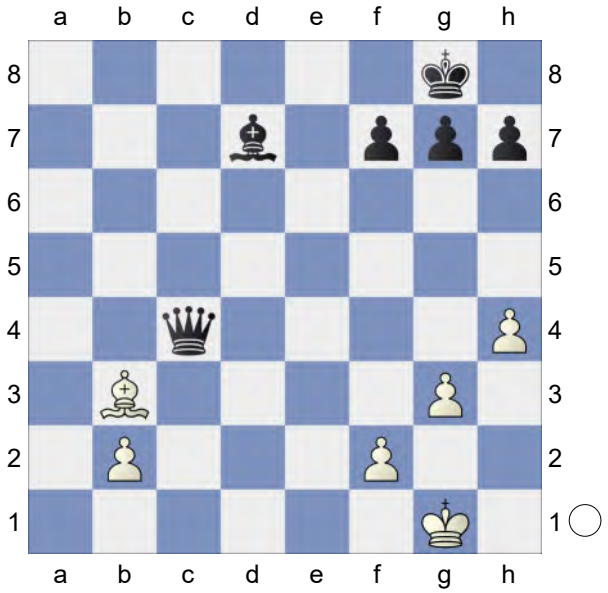
31.Bxd5 Qd8 32.Bb3 Bd7 33.c4 Strongly threatening cxb5. **33...Qc7 34.Qd3 bxc4** 2.38/22

[34...b4 1.88/21 was necessary. 35.c5 Bc6]

35.Qxc4+-

[Much less strong is 35.Bxc4?! Bc6 36.b4 g6]

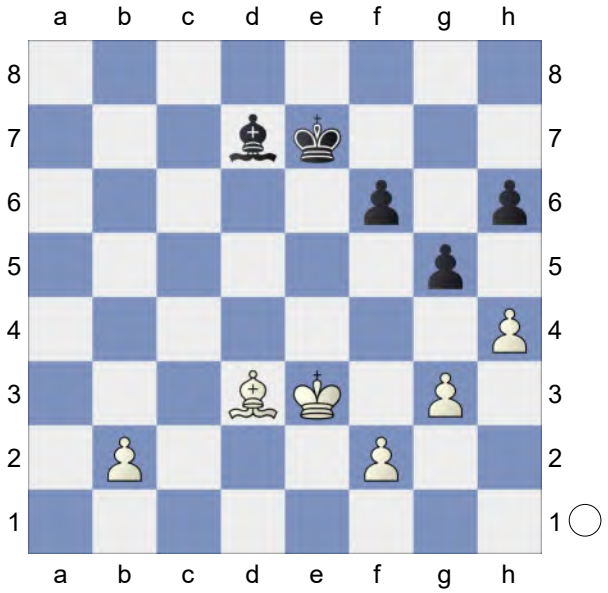
35...Qxc4



36.Bxc4 Endgame KB-KB **36...Kf8 37.Kf1 f6 38.Ke2 g5?** 5.05/26

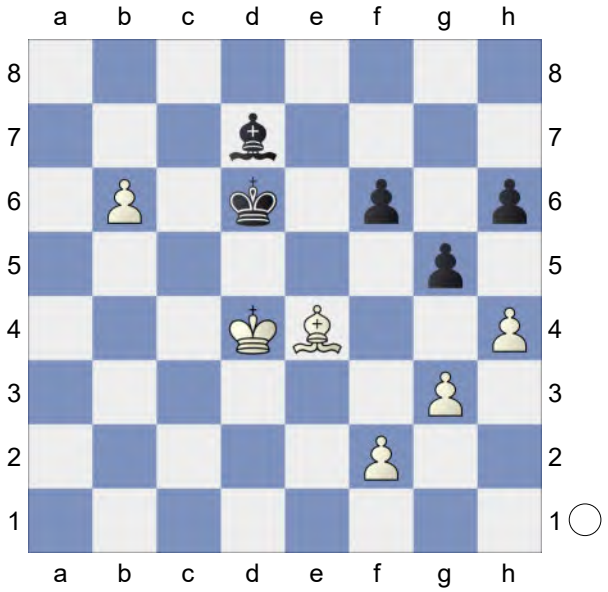
[38...Ke7 2.34/23 was called for. 39.Ke3 h6]

39.Ke3 Ke7 40.Bd3 h6



41.Kd4 Kd6 42.b4 Bg4 43.b5 Bc8 44.Be4 Bg4 45.b6 Bd7? 7.64/26

[45...Bd1 3.55/22 46.Ba8 Kd7]



46.f4 Bb5 47.b7 Kc7 48.Kc5 Ba4 49.f5 gxh4 50.gxh4 Bb3

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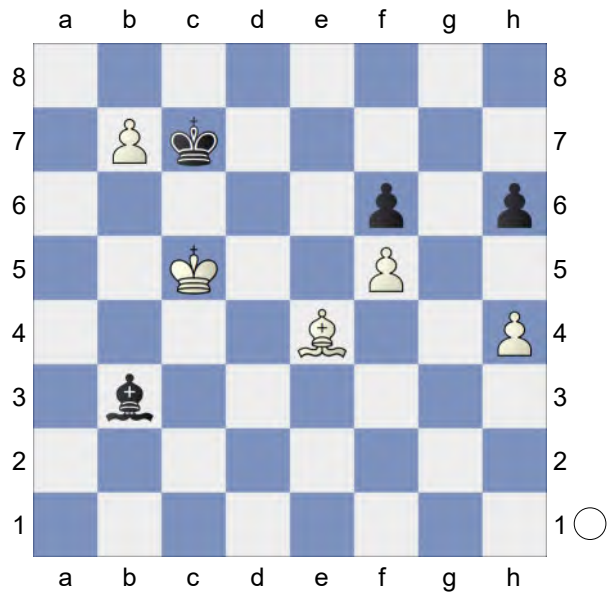
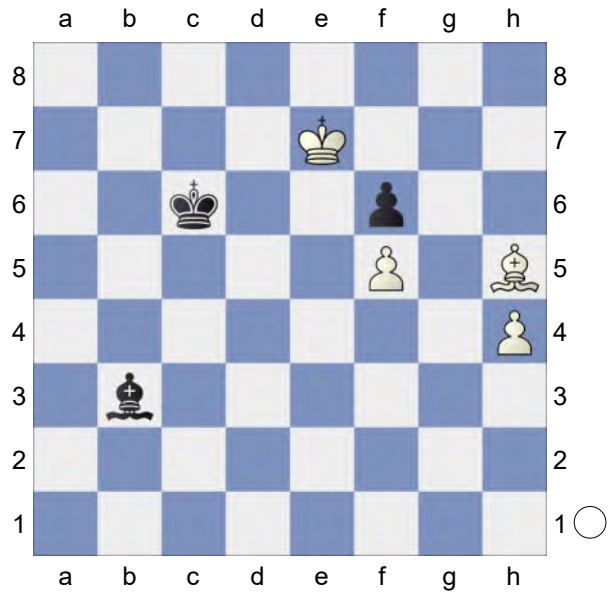
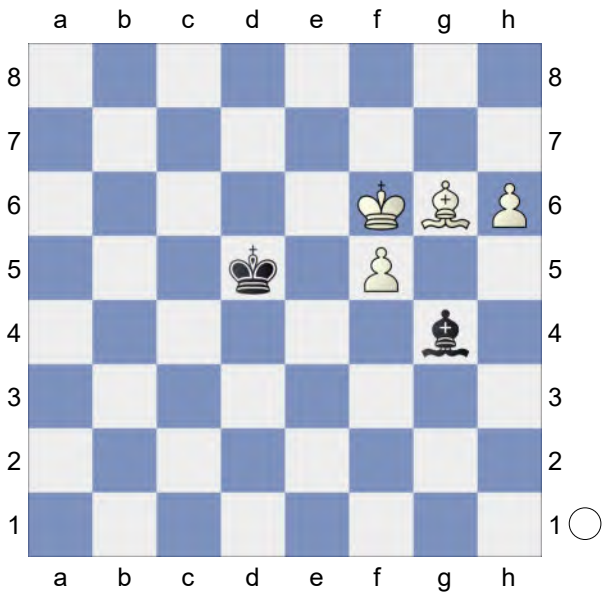


51.b8R Kxb8 52.Kd6 h5 53.Bf3 Kc8 54.Ke7 Kc7 55.Bxh5 Kc6

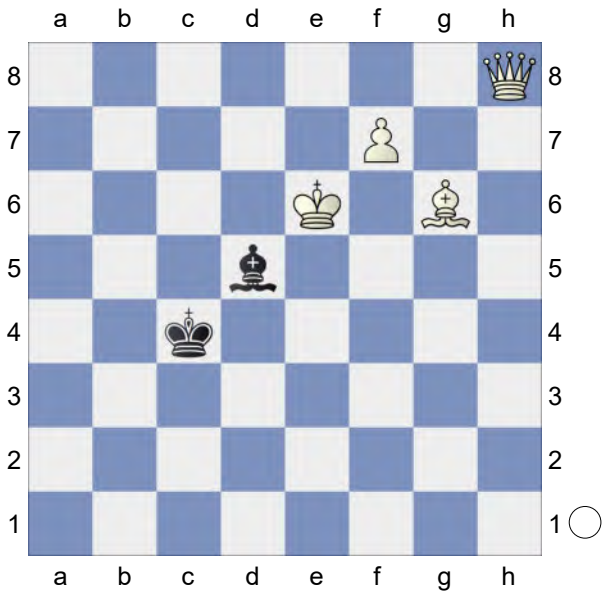


56.Kxf6 White wants to mate with Kg7. **56...Bd5 57.Bf7 Bf3 58.h5** Intending h6 and mate. **58...Bg4 59.h6** White mates. **59...Kc5 60.Bg6 Kd5**

(Diagram)



61.h7 Kd4 62.h8Q Bf3 63.Ke6+ Kd3 64.f6+ Kc4 65.f7 Bd5+



66.Kd6 Bxf7 67.Qc8+ Kb3 68.Qc2+ Kb4 69.Bxf7 Ka5 70.Qb3 Ka6

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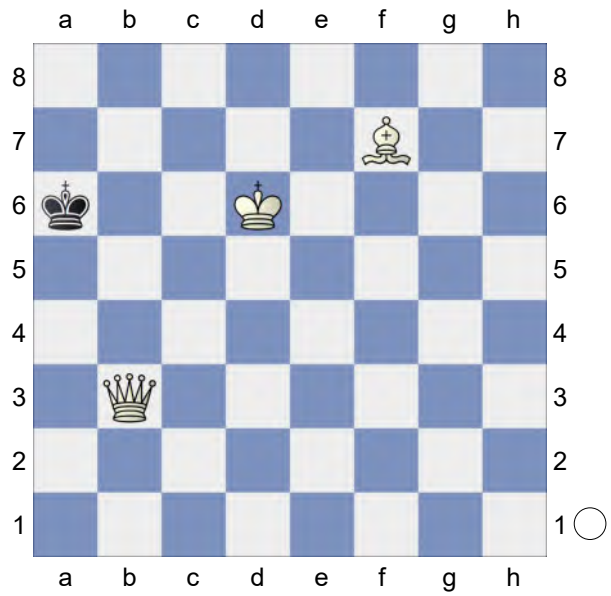
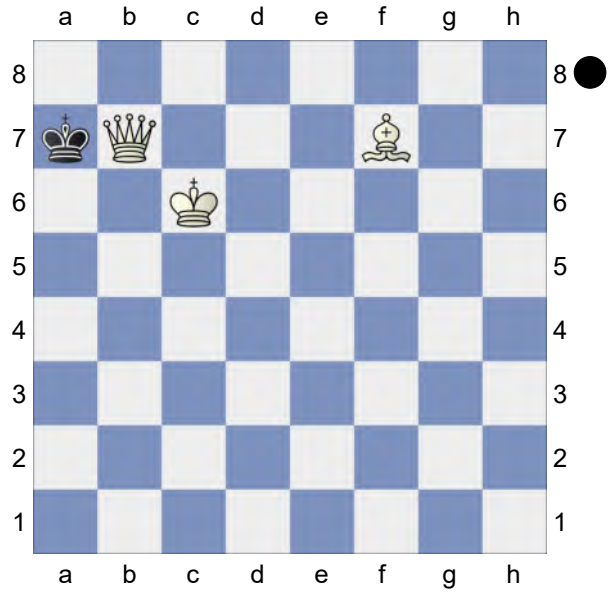


71.Kc6 Ka7 72.Qb7#



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36 **C89**

□ **Li,Zhiyun**

■ **Shen,Juqi**

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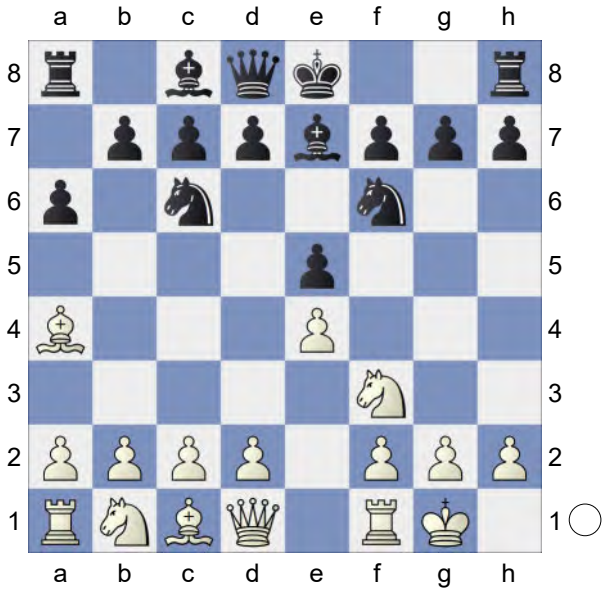
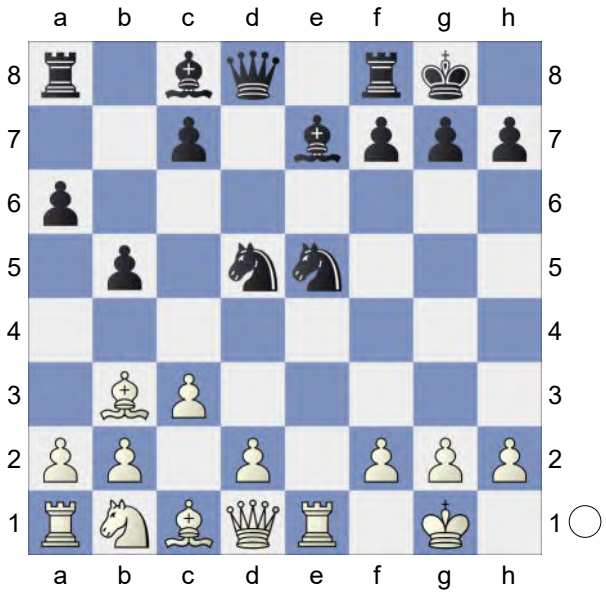
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

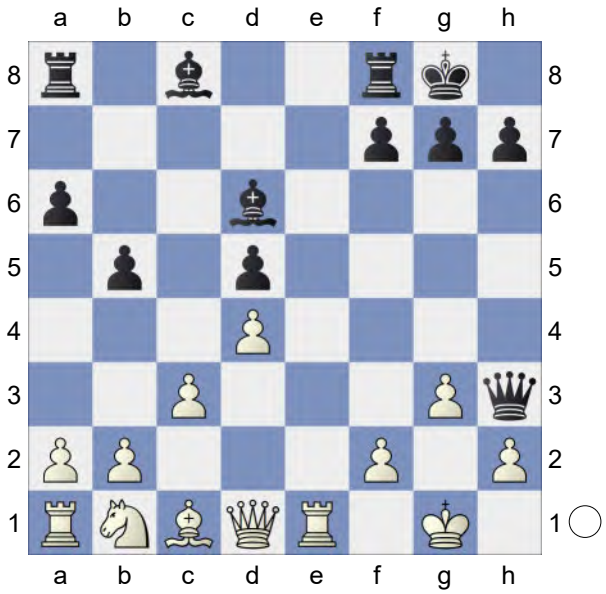
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3



16.Qf3 Bg4! is now more promising than 16...Bf5.im Vergleich zu 16...Lf5 vielversprechender. **17.Qg2 Qh5** Black has compensation. White is weak on the light squares **18.Be3** -1.84/21

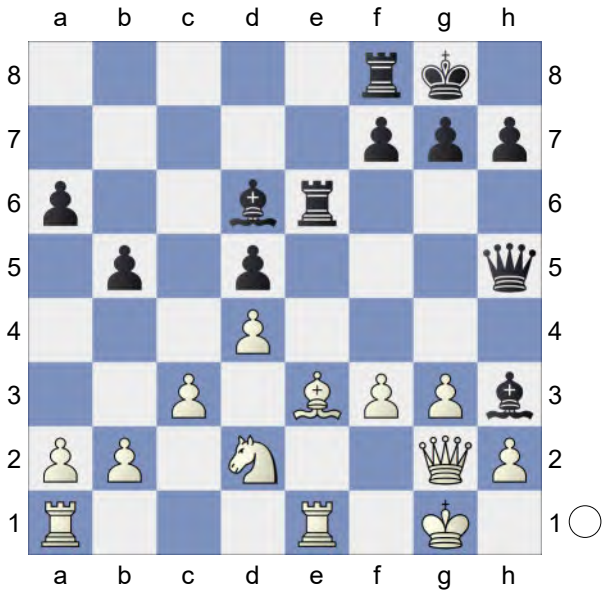
[18.Bf4∓ -0.76/22 Bh3 19.g4]

18...Rae8 -0.56/21

[18...Bf3-+ -1.84/21 19.Qf1 f5]

19.Nd2∓ Re6 20.f3 Black is better.

20...Bh3



21.Qf2 f5 0.40/25 Black is much more active.

[21...h6∓ -0.96/20 22.a4 Rfe8]

22.f4 -0.01/21

[22.Bf4± 0.40/25 is more appropriate. Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Bxf4 24.gxf4]

22...Rfe8 0.42/23

[22...h6= -0.01/21]

23.Nf3N

[23.a4 g5 24.Kh1 R8e7 25.Nf3 Qe8 26.Ne5 bxa4 27.Qc2 Rb7 28.Bc1 Rb3 29.Kg1 Qb5 30.Qe2 Qxe2 31.Rxe2 gxf4 32.Rxa4 fxg3 33.hxg3 Bg4 34.Re3 Bxe5 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.dxe5 Rb6 37.Ra5 Bf3 1-0 Kemaloglu,T-Kelstrup,H EU/M/GT/003 corr ICCF 1962]

23...h6 24.Rac1N -0.01/22

[Vorgänger: 24.Bd2 0.01/23 24.Nf3-e5 0.49 Re4 25.Ne5 Bg4 0.46/20 *(25...a5= -0.05/20)* 26.b4 -0.01/22 *(26.Rxe4± 0.46/20 should be considered. fxe4 27.Nxg4 Qxg4 28.Kg2)* 26...Rc8 27.a4 -0.33/21 *(27.Nxg4= 0.30/21 Qxg4 28.Kg2)* 27...Be2 0.52/21 *(27...Bxe5∓ -0.33/21 28.Rxe4 fxe4 29.dxe5 Bh3)*

A) 28.Be3!± 0.52/21 stays ahead. Bc4 *(28...Bg4 29.Nxg4)* 29.axb5 Bxb5 30.Bd2;

B) 28.h3? -1.43/21 28...Bxe5 29.dxe5 bxa4 30.g4 -1.81/24 *(30.Rac1∓ -1.19/19 keeps fighting.)* 30...fxg4 ½-½ Romanova,M (2095)-Stolpovsky,S (2105) UKR-ch qual Alushta 2007 (9)]

[White should try 24.Ne5± 0.62/23]

24...Bg4↑ Black is more active. **25.Ne5 Bxe5**

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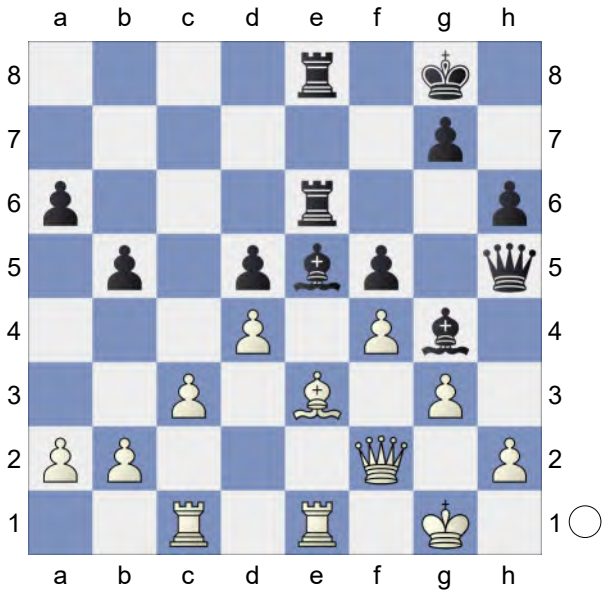
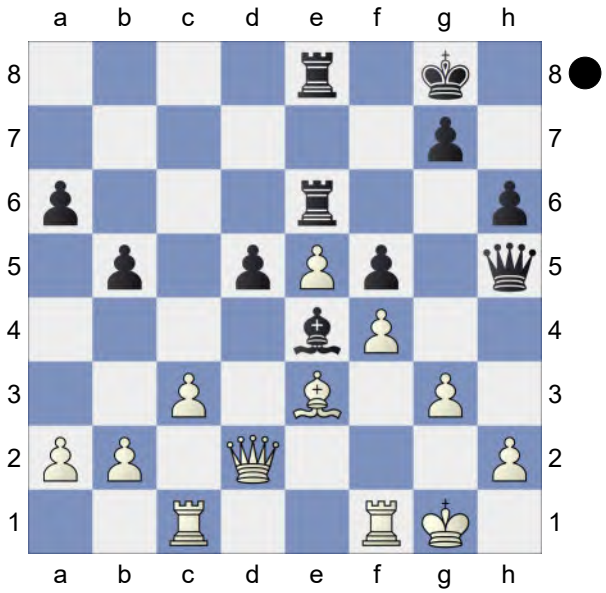


26.dxe5 Bf3 27.Rf1 -0.28/24

[White should play 27.h3± 0.34/21]

27...Be4 28.Qd2 -1.36/22

[28.Rfe1= -0.09/22 keeps the balance.]

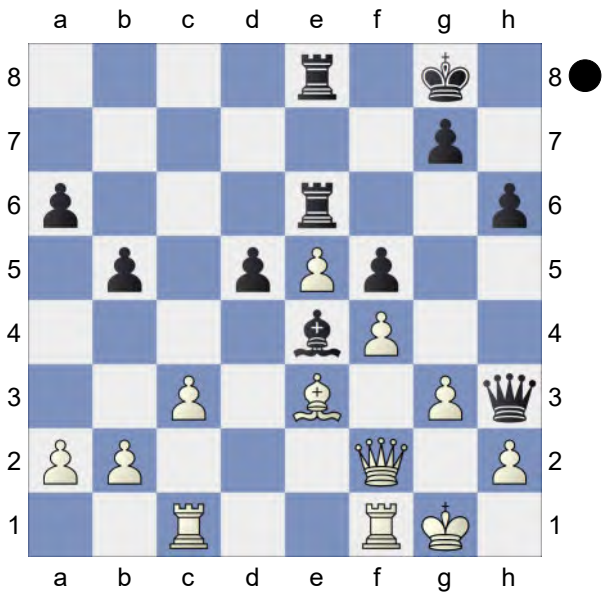


28...Qh3 -0.64/21

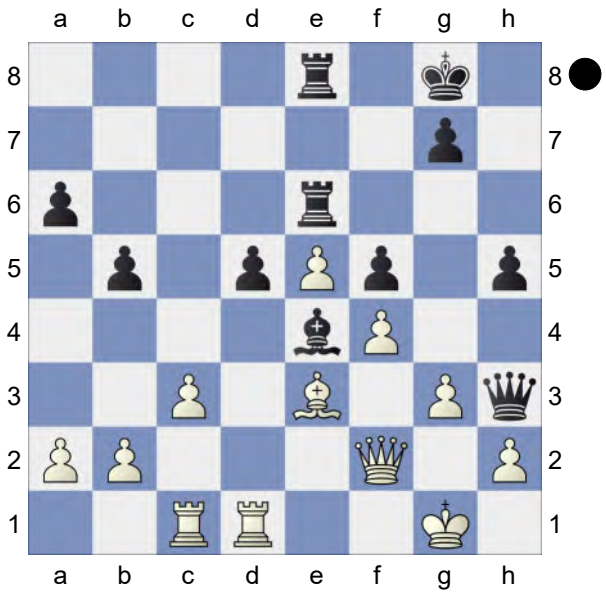
[Better is 28...Rg6!∓ -1.36/22 Strongly threatening ...Qh5-h3. 29.Bc5 Qh3]

29.Qf2? -3.16/25

[29.Qe2!∓ -0.64/21]



Loses the game. **29...h5!-+** **30.Rfd1?** -5.02/23
[30.Qe2 -2.58/22]



30...h4!

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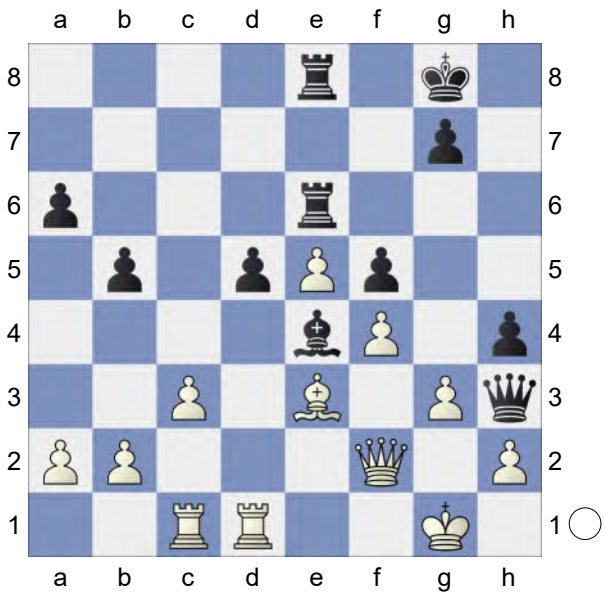
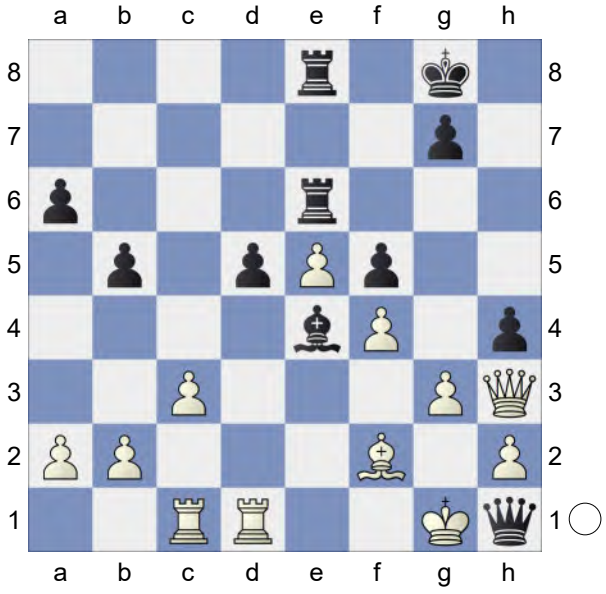


...Re6-g6 is the strong threat. **31.Qf1 Qg4 32.Bf2 Qf3 33.Qh3** -#1/6
[33.Bc5-+ -4.66/21 Qh1+ Deflection
(33...hxg3 34.Qxf3 Bxf3 35.hxg3=)
34.Kf2 Qxh2+ 35.Ke3]
33...Qh1#



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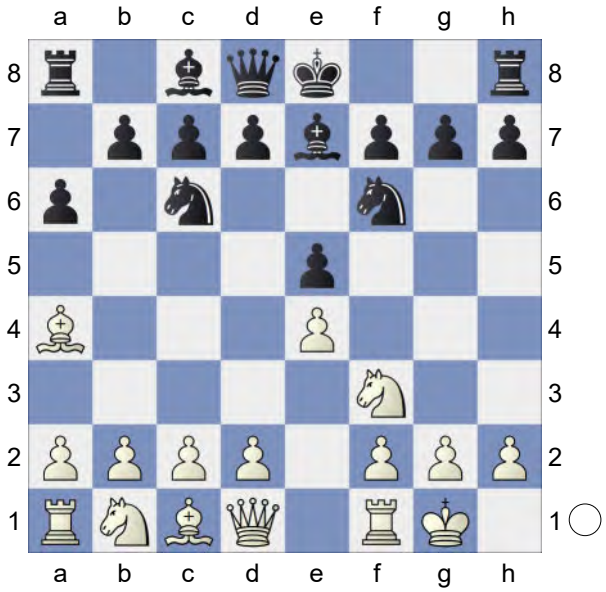
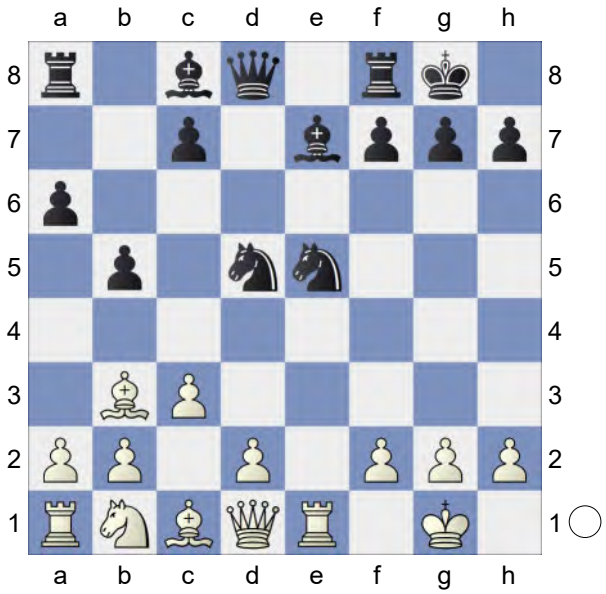
37 **C89**
□ **Manon,Reja Neer** **2423**
■ **Mammadova,Gulnar** **2359**
Dubai Open 2024 (2) 26.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 0.15 **e5** 0.21 **2.Nf3** 0.19 **Nc6** 0.19 **3.Bb5** 0.22 **a6** 0.38 **4.Ba4** 0.21 **Nf6** 0.25 **5.0-0** 0.26 **Be7** 0.34

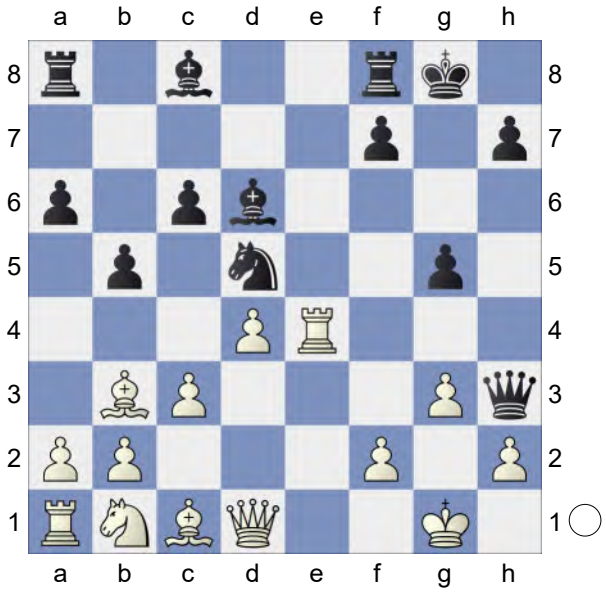


6.Re1 0.32 **b5** 0.21 **7.Bb3** 0.22 **0-0** 0.02 **8.c3** 0.43 **d5** 0.23 **9.exd5** 0.28 **Nxd5** 0.33 **10.Nxe5** 0.22 **Nxe5** 0.03

(Diagram)



11.Rxe5 0.22 **c6** 0.28 **12.Re1** 0.25 **Bd6** 0.19 **13.d4** 0.16 **Qh4** 0.17 **14.g3** 0.21 **Qh3** 0.02 **15.Re4** 0.19 **g5!** 0.29



16.Qf1 0.14
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Nd2 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Re1 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5-+]
16...Qh5 0.15
[16...Qxf1+!? 17.Kxf1 Bf5 18.Bxd5 cxd5=]
17.Nd2 0.27 **f5** 0.31
[Black should try 17...Bf5= 0.05/19]
18.Re1 0.16
[Better is 18.Bd1!± 0.62/20 g4

(18...Qh6 19.Re1 f4 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.Bf3 Bh3 22.Qd3 Rf7 23.Bd2 Raf8 24.Bh1 Rg7 25.Bf3 Rgf7 26.Bh1 Rg7 27.Bf3 Rgf7 ½-½ Wohl,R (2728)-Logan,T (2749) cr Amici Sumus LADAC/CAPA section A 1998 *)* 19.Re1]

18...f4= 0.29 Threatens to win with ... f4xg3. **19.Ne4??** -1.93 Blunder. Bd1 was best.

[19.Bd1!= -0.01/21 Bg4 20.Bxg4 Qxg4 21.Ne4]

19...Bh3 -1.95

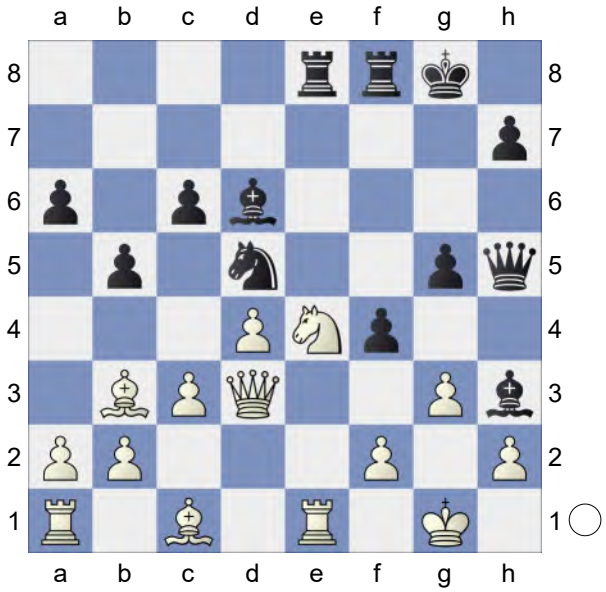
[Black should play 19...Bg4!∓ -0.98/22 Strongly threatening ...f4xg3! 20.Qg2 *(20.Nxd6 fxg3 21.fxg3 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Bh3-+; 20.Bxd5+? cxd5 21.Nd2 Rae8-+)* 20...Bf3]

[19...fxg3 20.hxg3 Bg4 21.Bxg5 Bxg3 22.Nxg3 Qxg5 23.Re5 Qh4 24.Rxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kh8 26.Bxa8 Rxa8 27.Qe1 Rg8 28.Qe5+ Rg7 29.Re1 Bd7 30.Re4 Qh3 31.Qf6 ½-½ Almasi,Z (2702)-Yakubboev,N (2521) (ol) 138/110 2018]

20.Qd3N -0.32

[20.Bd1= -0.26/22 g4 *(20...Qh6 21.Qe2 Rae8 22.Qh5 Qxh5 23.Bxh5 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Nf6 25.Bf3 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 fxg3 27.hxg3 Bxg3 28.Be3 Rf6 29.fxg3 Re6 30.Bxc6 Rxc6 31.Bxg5 Re6 32.Kf2 Bg4 33.Re1 Rxe1 34.Kxe1 Kf7 35.b3* 1-0 Modestov,B (2628)-6. ♘c6 bc6 7. e5 ♘d5_54669 (2774) FIDE Ch 2 The Netherlands 1928 (7.2) *Be6 36.Kd2 Ke8 37.Kc2 Kd7 38.a4 Kc6 39.Kb2 Kd5 40.Bf6 Bf5 41.Ka3 h5 42.Kb4 Bd3 43.Bg7 Be2 44.Bh6 Bd3 45.Bg7 Be2 46.Ka5 Kc6 47.Bh6 Bd3 48.Bd2 Be2 49.c4 bxc4 50.b4* 1-0 Saric,I (2628)-Topalov,V (2774) 2nd Danube Rapid Cup 2013 (7.2) *c3 51.Bxc3 Bf1 52.Bd2 Be2 53.Bg5 Bf1 54.Be7 Bc4 55.b5+ axb5 56.axb5+ Kd5 57.Bf6 Ke6 58.b6 Kd6 59.Be5+ Kc6 60.Bf4 Bf1 61.d5+ Kb7 62.g4 hxg4 63.d6* 1-0 Modestov,B (2628)-6.Nc6 bc6 7. e5 Nd5 (2774) FIDE Ch 2 The Netherlands 1928 (7.2) *)* 21.Qd3]

20...Rae8∓ -0.49



21.Bxf4? -2.94 Mistake. Bd1 was best. Now White is beyond hope.

[21.Bd1 f3]

21...Bxf4-+ -2.92 **22.gxf4** -2.94

[22.Qd1 -2.34/20 was worth a try. Qg6 23.Nc5]

22...gxf4 -2.94

[22...Rxf4 23.Ng3 *(23.Nf6+ Rxf6 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8±)* 23...Qf7 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Qd2=]

23.Kh1 -2.51 Ne4-f6+! would now be deadly.

[23.Nf6+? Rxf6 24.Rxe8+ Kf7-+]

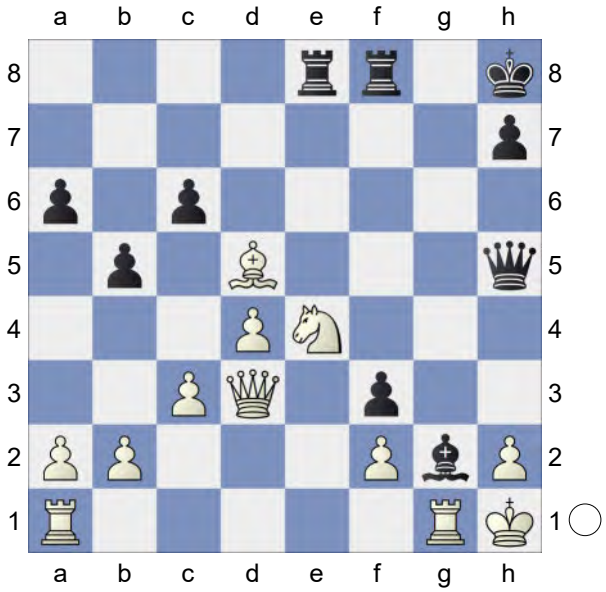
23...Kh8 -2.64 **24.Rg1?** -2.71

[24.Nd2 -3.03/23 f3 25.Bxd5 Bg2+ *(25...cxd5? 26.Rxe8 Bg2+ 27.Kg1-+; 25...Qxd5 26.Rxe8 Bg2+ 27.Kg1-+)* 26.Kg1 Qg5 *(26...cxd5?*

27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Nf1-+) 27.Qf5 *(27.Bxc6? Bh3+ 28.Kh1 Qg2#)* 27...Qxf5 28.Re4 cxd5 29.Rh4 Qg5 30.Ne4 dxe4 *(30...Qxh4 31.Ng3 Qh3 32.Nh5)* 31.Rh5 Qxh5 32.Rc1 Qg4 33.Rd1 Bh3+ 34.Kh1 Qg2#]

24...f3 -2.63 **25.Bxd5** -2.74 **Bg2+→** -2.97

[⌓25...Qxd5 -4.60/25 26.Ng3 Bg2+ 27.Rxg2 fxg2+ 28.Kg1 Rf3]



Black has strong attack. **26.Rxg2** -2.78 **fxg2+** -2.84 **27.Kxg2?!** -3.34 Inaccuracy. Kg1 was best.

[27.Kg1 -3.08/27 cxd5 *(27...Qxd5? 28.f3-+)* 28.Ng3-+ Qh4 29.Qd2 Re6 30.f4 Qxf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Kxg2 Kg8]

27...cxd5 -3.22 **28.Ng3** -3.18

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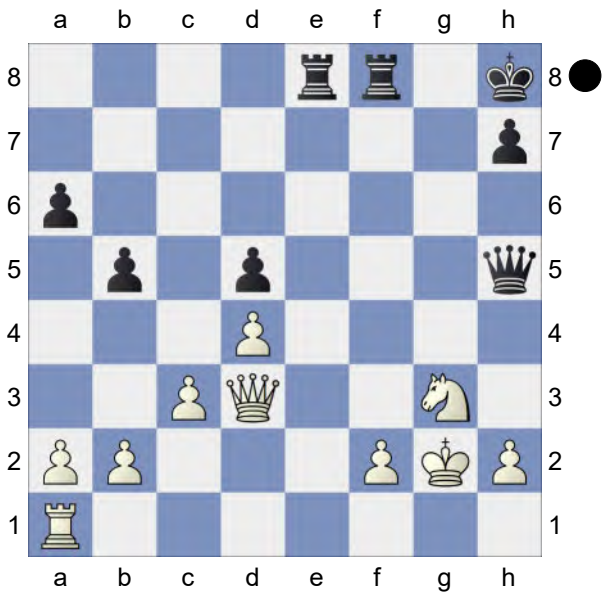
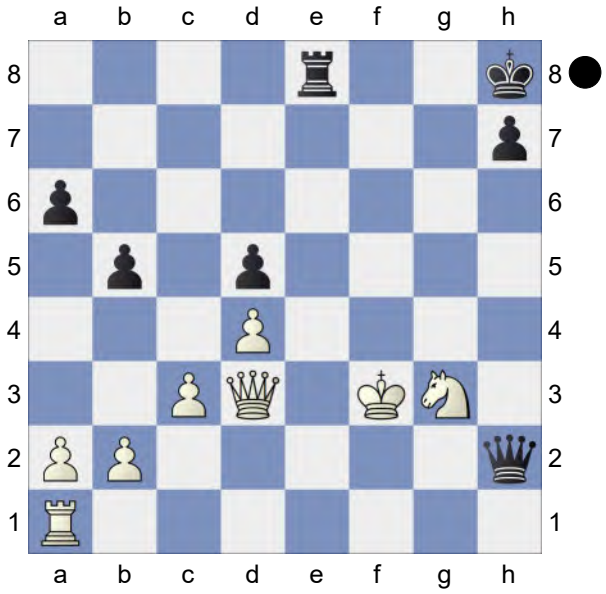


Rxf2+!! -3.18 Decoy **29.Kxf2** -3.19 **Qxh2+** -3.18 **30.Kf3** -4.73



And now Qd3-f5 would win. **30...Rg8!** -4.83

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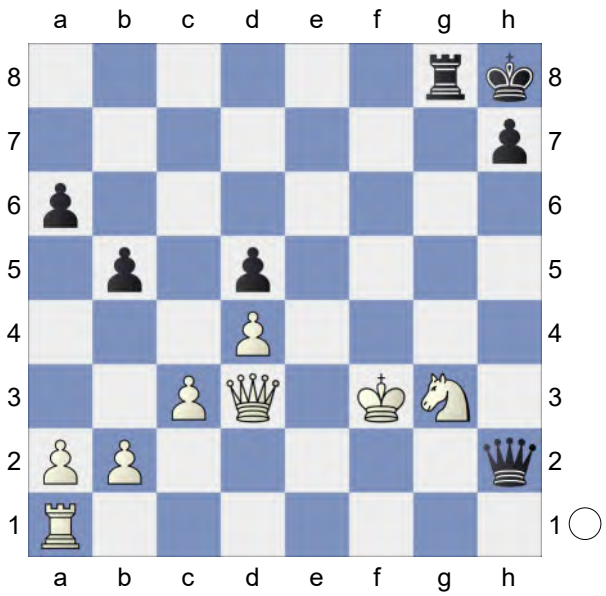


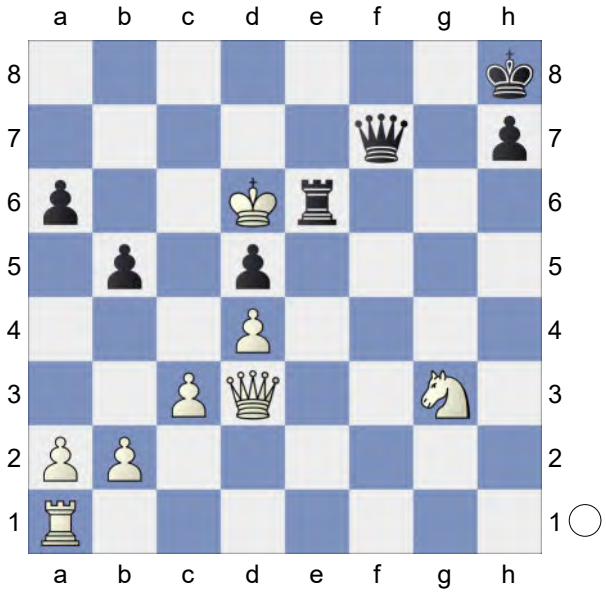
31.Kf4 -4.26 **Qh4+** -4.53 Deflection **32.Ke5??** -#11 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Ke3 was best.

[32.Ke3 Rxg3+ 33.Kd2 Rg2+ 34.Qe2 Qh6+ 35.Kd3 Qg6+ 36.Kd2 Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2 Qc2+]

32...Qe7+ -#10 Black mates.

[32...Qxg3+ 33.Qxg3 *(33.Kxd5* gets mated. *Rd8+ 34.Ke4 Re8+* Deflection *35.Kd5 Qxd3 36.Kd6 Qc4)* 33...Rxg3 34.Kxd5+-]

33.Kf5 -#5 **Qf7+** -#4 **34.Ke5** -#4 **Re8+** -#3 **35.Kd6** -#3 **Re6+** -#2



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38 **C89**
□ **Manon,Reja Neer** **2289**
■ **Andersen,Mads** **2512**
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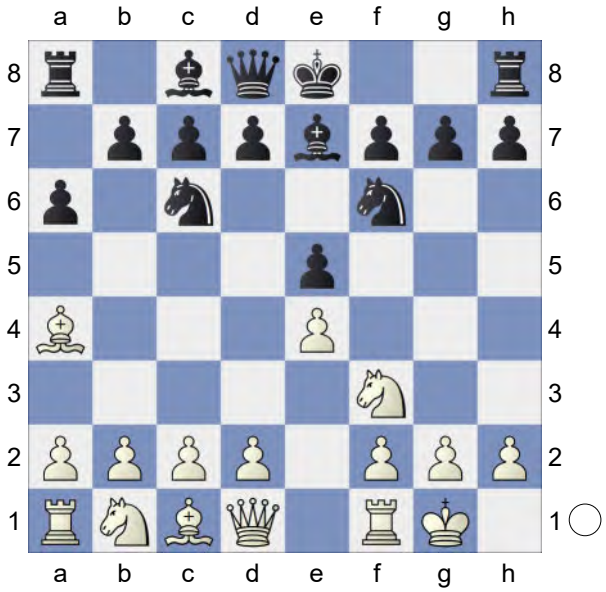
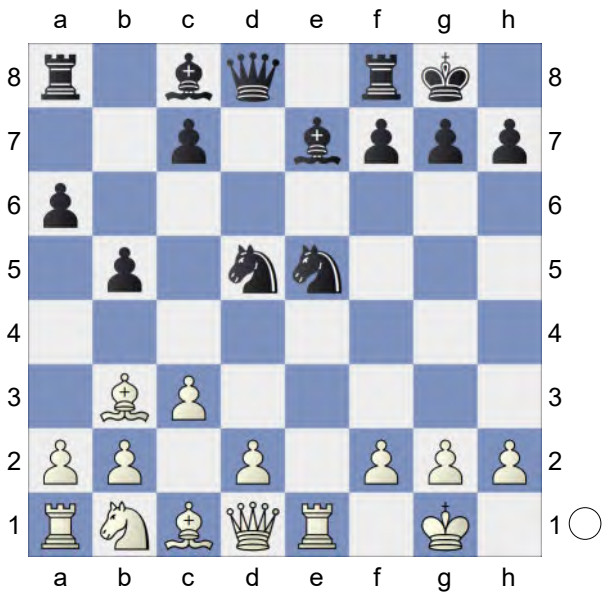
[Kitty Kat]

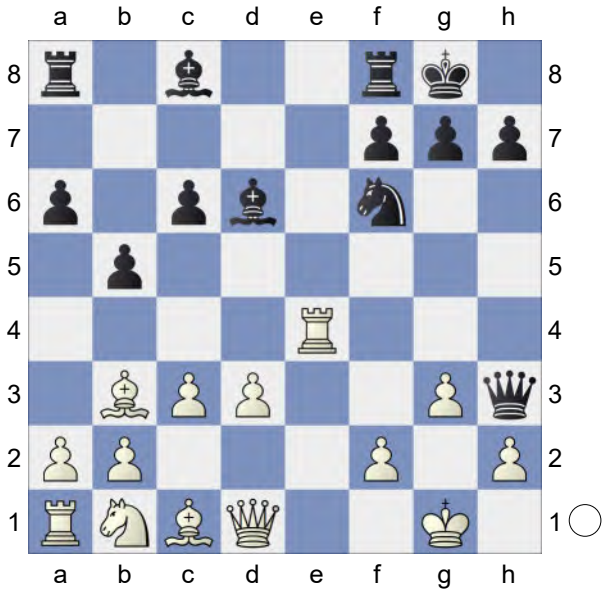
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



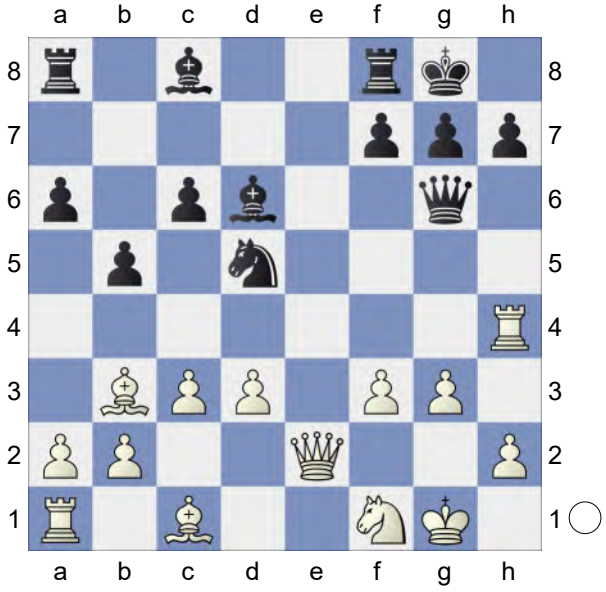
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 0.59/20
[15...Qf5= 0.28/18 was preferrable.]



16.Rh4± Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4 18.f3
White is slightly better.
[Don't take 18.Ne4 Be7±]
18...Ne3 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Nf1 0.01/19
[20.Qe4± 0.60/18]
20...Qg6=



21.Bxd5N
[21.c4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Nxd3 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bd2 Re8 25.Kh1 Bc5 26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4 Nf2+ 28.Qxf2

Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5 31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8 0-1 (32) Sacrificial Line (2461)-Coudrain,J (2580) Saint Petersburg 59/(537) 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson]]

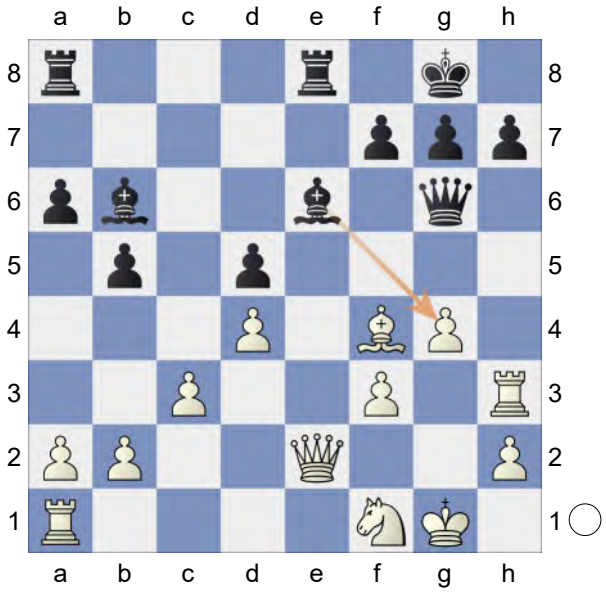
21...cxd5 22.Bf4J White is not keeping still **22...Bc5+! 23.d4 Bb6 24.g4! Be6** 0.37/18

[24...b4= -0.03/19]

25.Rh3 0.05/18

[25.Rh5± 0.37/18 feels stronger.]

25...Rfe8



26.Rg3 -0.22/21

[⌓26.Qd2 0.23/19]

26...b4

[26...Bxg4? 27.Qd2+-]

27.Bd2 -1.20/20

[27.Qd2= -0.27/20]

27...Qc2!∓ 28.Qd1 Qxb2 29.Rb1 Qxa2 &Nero is more active. **30.Rxb4 Qa5** -0.86/18

[⌓30...Bc7 -1.20/20 31.Rg2 Qa3]

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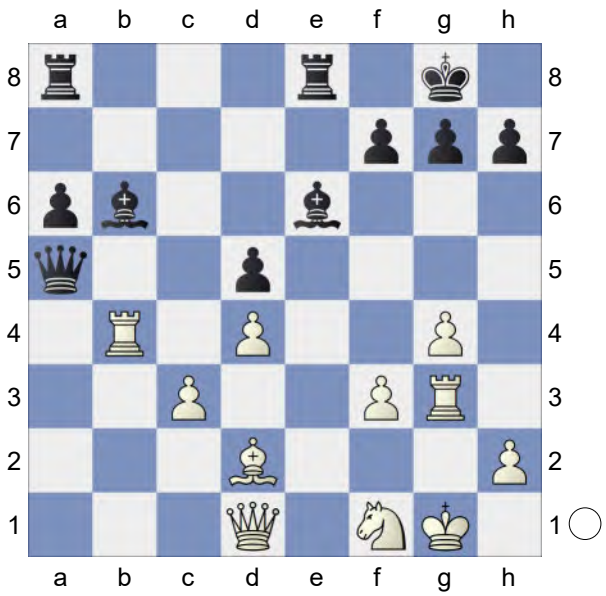


31.f4 Bc7 32.Qf3 Bd6 33.Rb1 Rab8 -1.19/20

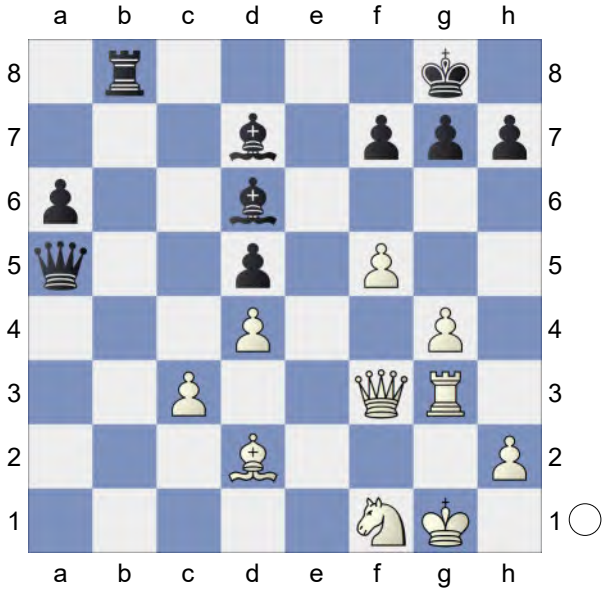
[Better is 33...Qc7 -1.50/20 34.Rc1 Rab8]

34.Rxb8 Rxb8

[Worse is 34...Bxb8 35.f5 Bd7 36.Rg2∓]

35.f5 Bd7

[Reject 35...Bxg3?! 36.Qxg3 Qd8 37.fxe6 fxe6 38.Bf4=]



36.Rg2 -1.68/21

[36.c4∓ -1.36/21 Qa1 37.Qxd5 Bxg3

38.hxg3]

36...Rb1-+ **37.f6** **g6** White must now prevent ...Qb5. **38.Rf2** -2.40/21

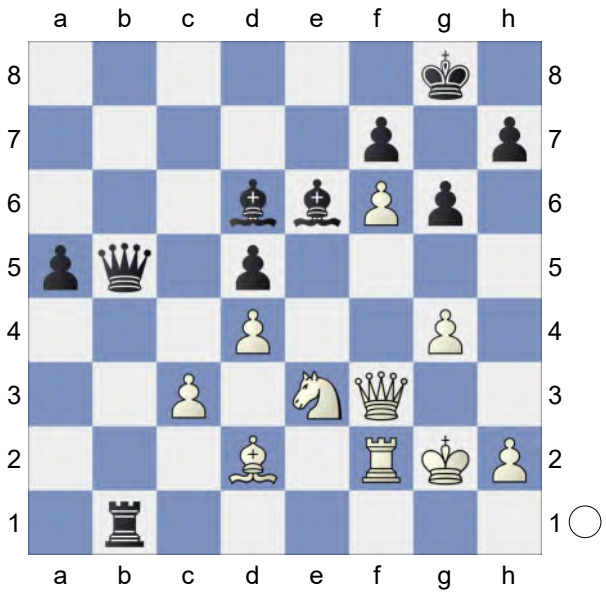
[⌓38.Bf4 -1.83/21 Bf8 39.Rf2]

38...Qb5 **39.Kg2** **a5** **40.Ne3?** -3.86/20

[40.Bf4 -2.08/20 was called for. Bf8 41.Qe3]

40...Be6 -2.01/22

[⌓40...a4 -3.86/20 Hoping for ...a3. 41.Nc2 Rb3]



This bishop pair is nice. **41.Nf5** **Bxf5**

[41...gxf5? 42.gxf5 Bxf5 43.Qxf5+-]

42.gxf5 **a4** aiming for ...a3. **43.Qh3?** -3.16/21

[43.fxg6∓ -1.50/22 hxg6 44.Bf4]

43...a3 Threatens to win with ...a2.

44.fxg6 **hxg6** Really sharp! **45.Bh6** -4.88/27

[45.Qc8+ -3.31/24 keeps fighting. Bf8 46.Bh6]

45...Qe8!

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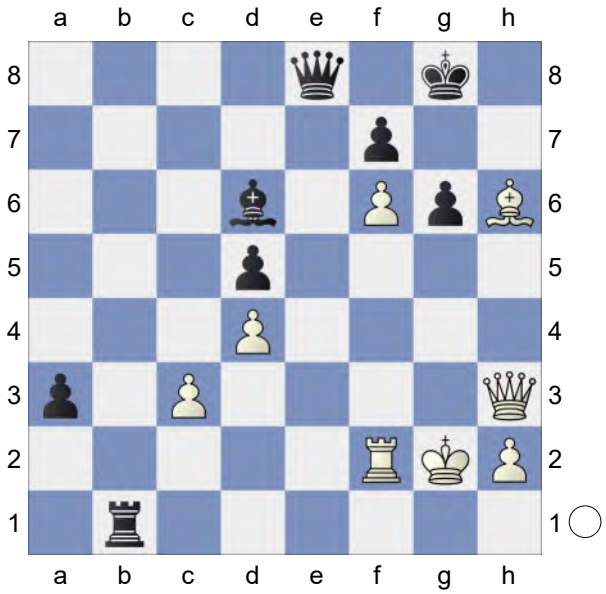
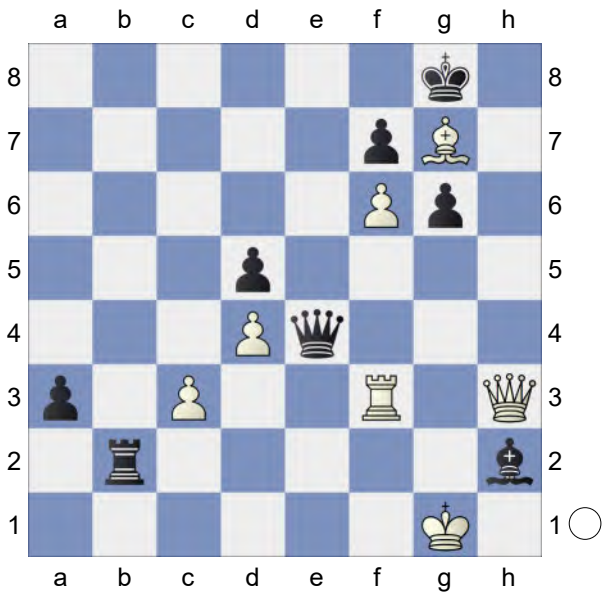


46.Bg7 **Qe4+** **47.Rf3** **Qe2+?** 0.01/5

[47...Rb2+ -#20/27 mates 48.Kg1 Bxh2+ 49.Kh1 Qxf3+!! 50.Qxf3 a2 51.Qg2 Rxg2 52.Kxg2 a1Q! 53.Kxh2 Qxc3 54.Bh6 Qxd4 55.Kg3 Qg1+ 56.Kf4 Qh2+ 57.Ke3 Qxh6+ 58.Kd4 Qd2+ 59.Ke5 d4 60.Kd5 d3 61.Ke4 Qe2+ 62.Kd5 Qc2 63.Ke4 d2+ 64.Kf4 d1Q 65.Ke3 Qe1+ 66.Kf4 Qf5#]

48.Rf2= **Qe4+** **49.Rf3** **Rb2+** **50.Kg1** **Bxh2+**



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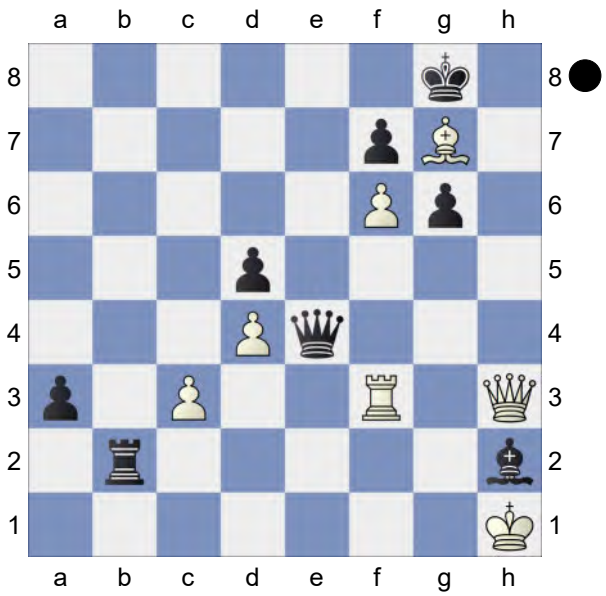
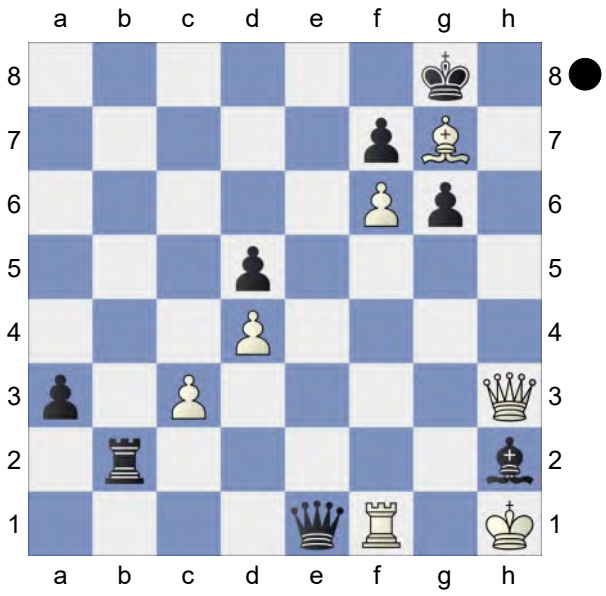


Qe1+ -7.19/28
[⌓51...Qxf3+!! -19.54/29 52.Qxf3 a2]
52.Rf1-+



Qe4+? -0.01/31
[52...Qxf1+!-+ -8.06/32 53.Qxf1 a2]
53.Rf3=

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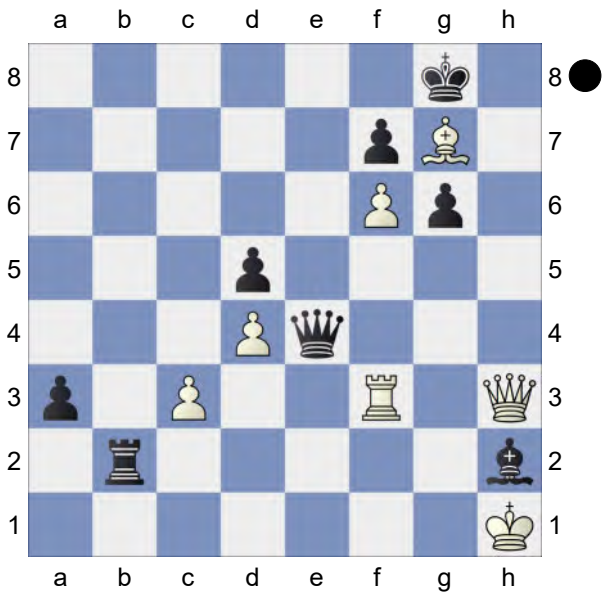
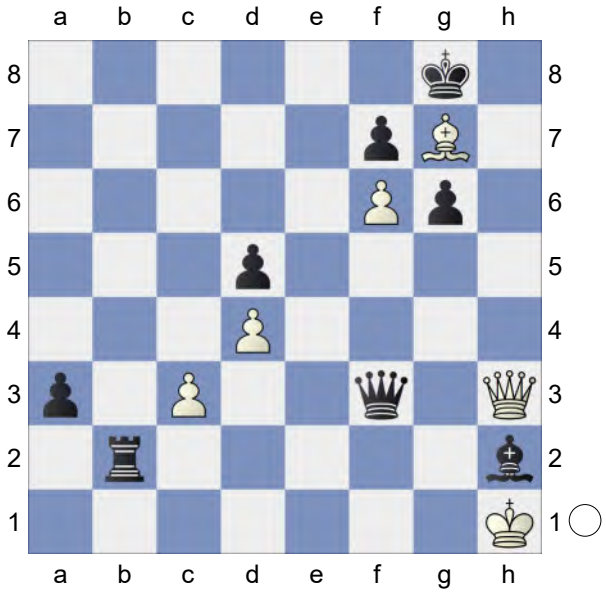


Qxf3+!!



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39 **C89**
□ **Manon,Reja Neer** **2417**
■ **Nogerbek,Kazybek** **2519**
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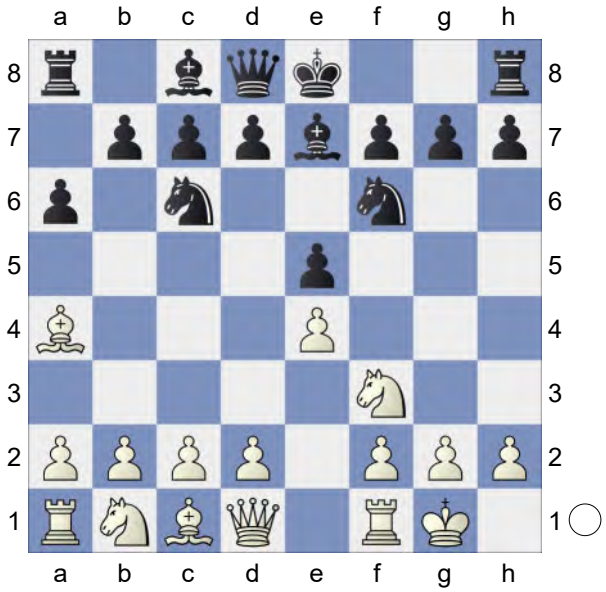
[Kitty Kat]

(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 11 **e5** 1:35 **2.Nf3** 9 **Nc6** 14 **3.Bb5** 17 **a6** 20 **4.Ba4** 6 **Nf6** 33 **5.0-0** 7 **Be7** 11



6.Re1 42 **b5** 11 **7.Bb3** 13 **0-0** 16 **8.c3** 4:55 **d5** 1:39 **9.exd5** 57 **Nxd5** 18 **10.Nxe5** 6 **Nxe5** 14

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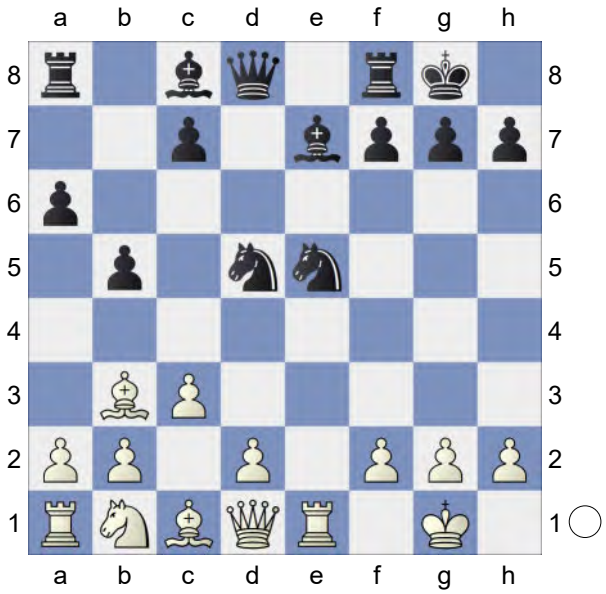
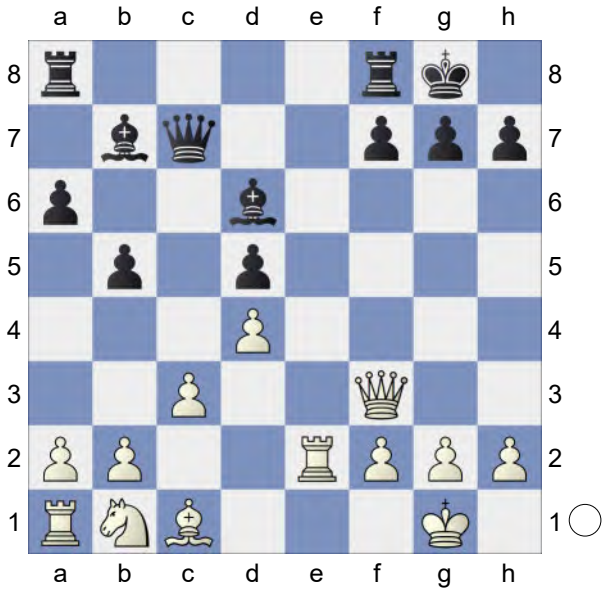


11.Rxe5 5 **Bb7** 20 **12.Qf3** 6:34 **Bd6** 1:08 **13.Bxd5** 10:54 **c6** 4:24 **14.Re2** 5:50 **cxd5** 2:03 **15.d4** 1 **Qc7** 1:22

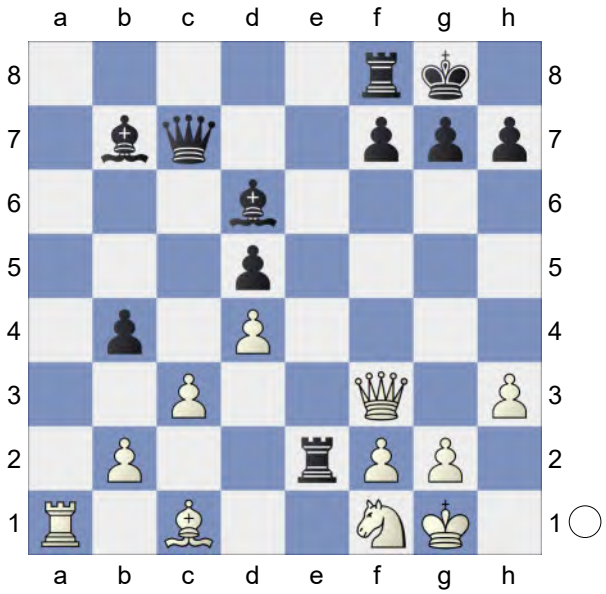


16.h3N 13:14 White is slightly better.
[16.g3 Rae8 17.Be3 *(17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Be3 b4 19.cxb4 Qc2 20.Nd2 Qxb2 21.Qd1 Bxb4 22.Rb1 Qa3 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.Rxb3 Bxd2 25.Rxb7 Bxe3 26.fxe3 g6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Ra3 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Re2 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Re8 Rxa2* ü-ü Galdunts,S (2495)-7. ♘c3 0-0 8. ♗e3 b6_60877 (2677) TOP 16

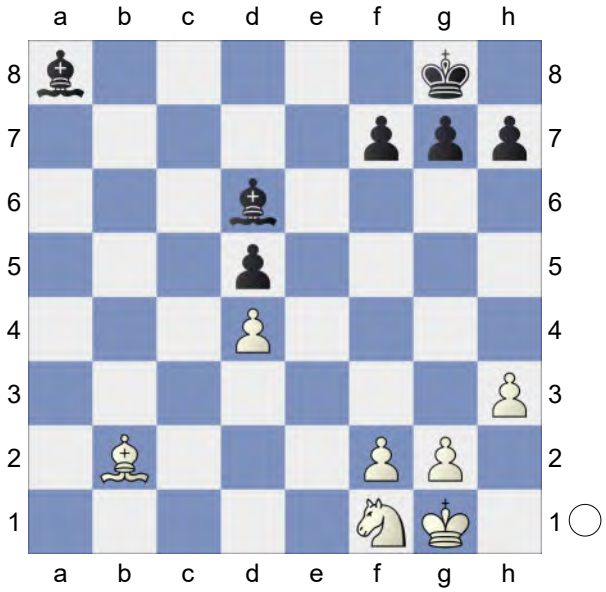
Guingamp FRA 2010 (3); *17.Nd2 b4 18.cxb4 Qc2 19.Re3 Bxb4 20.Nf1 Rxe3 21.Nxe3 Qd3 22.Qd1 Qe4 23.f3 Qe6 24.Qb3 Rc8 25.Kf2 Qb6 26.Bd2 a5 27.Bxb4 axb4 28.Rd1 Qh6 29.h4 Re8 30.Ng2 Ba6 31.Qxb4 Re2+* 1-0 Sokolov,A-Kharitonov,A Vilnius 1984) 17...a5 18.Nd2 b4 19.cxb4 Bxb4 20.a3 Bd6 21.Ree1 Re6 22.Rac1 Qb6 23.Qd1 Rfe8 24.Qb3 Bf8 25.Rc3 Qa6 26.Nf3 a4 27.Qc2 f6 28.Rc1 Qb5 29.Ne1 Rb6 30.Nd3 Ree6 ü-ü Kavakul,M (2762)-9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2718) Sants 103/329 2008 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Ra6 33.b4 axb3 34.Rxb3 Qd7 35.Rcb1 Bc6 36.Qf5 Re8 37.Qxd7 Bxd7 38.h4 Rea8 39.Rb6 Bf5 40.Rxa6 Rxa6 41.Rb8+ Kf7 42.Rb7+ Kg8 ½-½ Kavakul,M (2762)-9.Nd2 a5/ 14. Qc2 Ngf6 15.Bd3 (2718) Sants 103/329 2008]

16...a5 0.54/22 7:04
[16...b4= 0.15/21]
17.a3 0.05/21 17:19
[17.Na3± 0.54/22]
17...Rae8 0.41/23 5:53
[17...h6= 0.05/21]
18.Nd2 2:05 **b4** 2:18 **19.axb4** 4:25 **axb4** 38 **20.Nf1** -0.16/21 1:10
[20.Re3± 0.37/22]
20...Rxe2= 41

(Diagram)



21.Qxe2 7 **bxc3** 13 **22.bxc3** 14 **Qxc3** 13 **23.Qb2** 1:52 **Qxb2** 3:15 **24.Bxb2** 3 **Ra8** 18 **25.Rxa8+** 2:37 **Bxa8** 1:21



Endgame. KBB-KBN **26.Ne3** 18 **Bc6** 47 **27.Kf1** 57 **Bb4** 1:36 **28.Ke2** 2:20 **f6** 42 **29.Kd3** 6:49 **Kf7** 2:05 **30.Bc3** 1:27 **Bd6** 14

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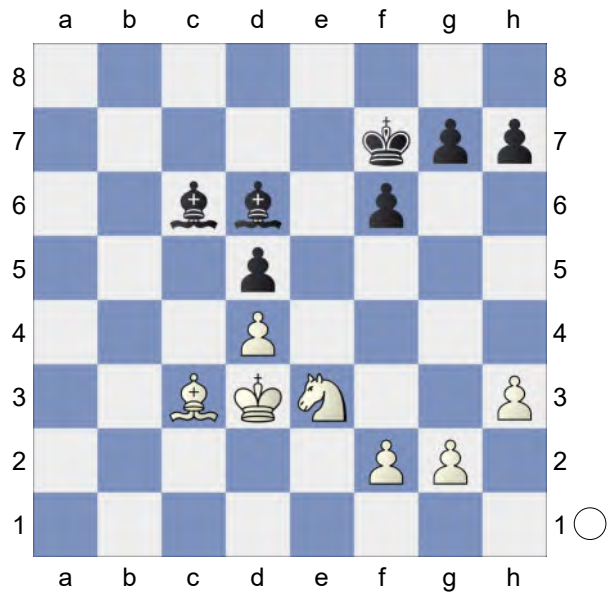
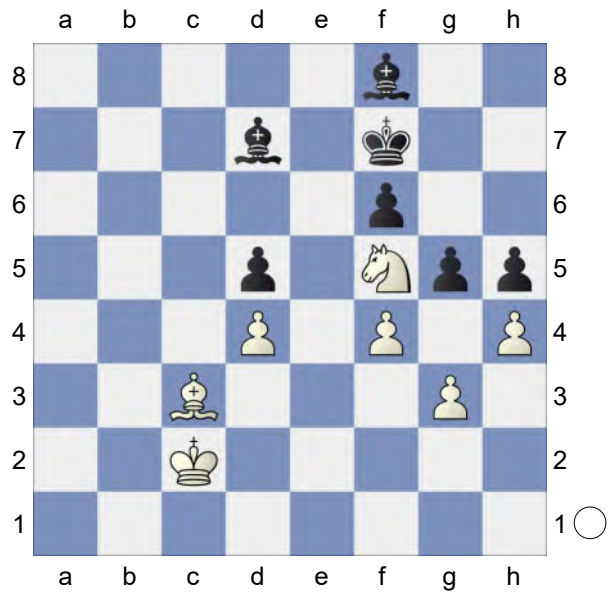
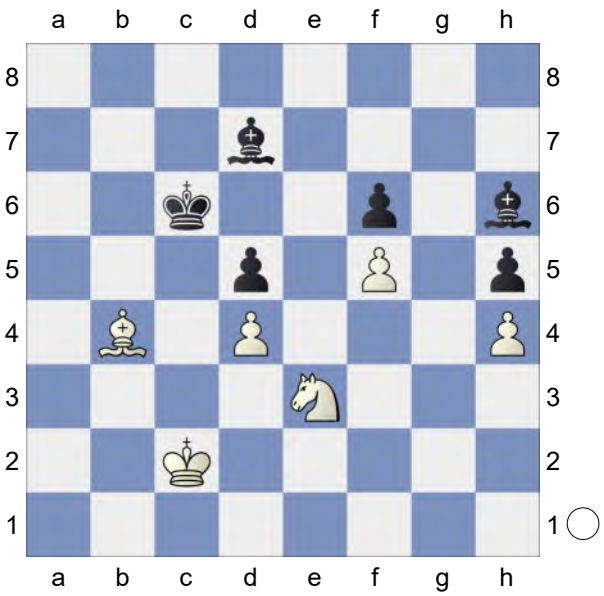


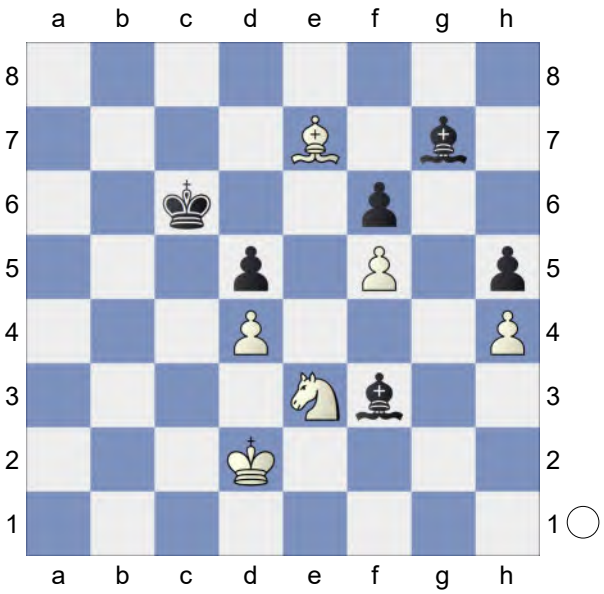
31.g3 1:17 **h5** 3:24 **32.h4** 1:13 **g5** 7:35
33.Nf5 -0.85/24 6:30
[33.Ba5∓ -0.39/22 feels stronger.]
33...Bf8 -0.42/25 26
[33...Bb5+∓ -0.85/24 34.Kd2 Bc7]
34.f4 -0.90/26 4:42
[34.Kd2∓ -0.42/25]
34...Bb5+∓ 3:43 **35.Kc2** 43 **Bd7** 9:27



36.Ne3 13 **gxh4** 7 **37.gxh4** 6 **Bh6** 23
38.Be1 3:13 **Ke6** -0.01/30 3:32
[38...Bxf4∓ -0.47/23 39.Nxd5 Bh2]
39.f5+= 2:42 **Kd6** 33 **40.Bb4+** 32 **Kc6** 1



41.Kd3 30:01 **Bc8** 31:05 **42.Be7** 0
Ba6+ 0 **43.Kd2** 0 **Bg7** 0 **44.Kc3** 0 **Be2** 0 **45.Kd2** 0 **Bf3** 0



46.Ke1 0 **Kd7** 0 **47.Kf2** 59 **Be4** 0
48.Bb4 5 **Bh6** 0 **49.Bd2!** 1:34 **Bf8** 0
50.Ng2! 1:22 **Bxg2** 0

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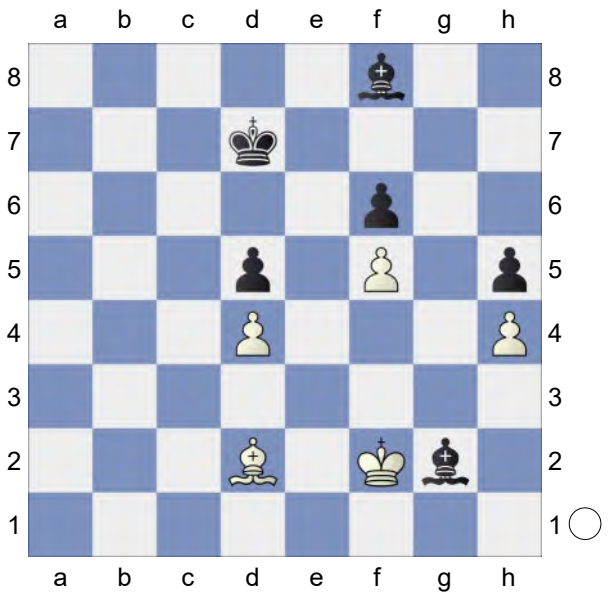
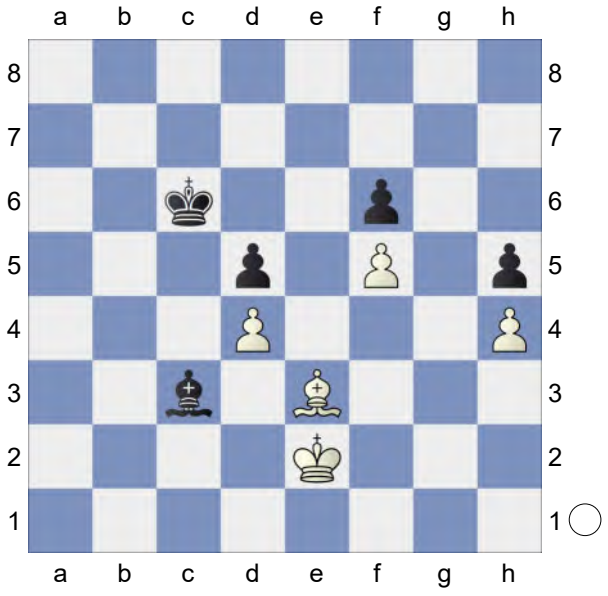
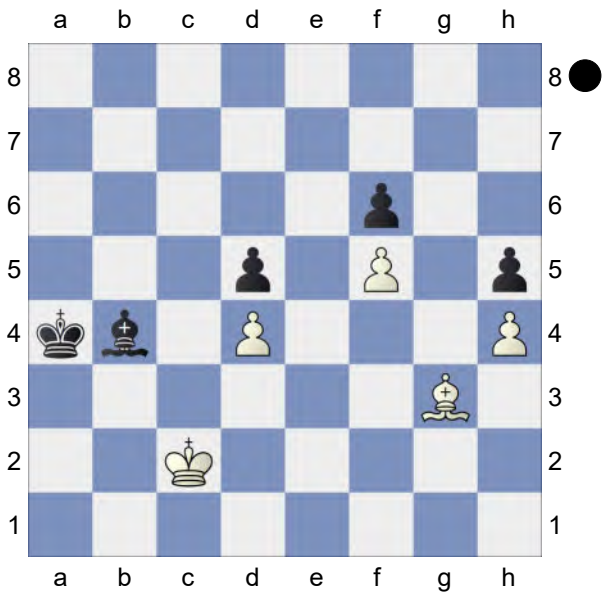


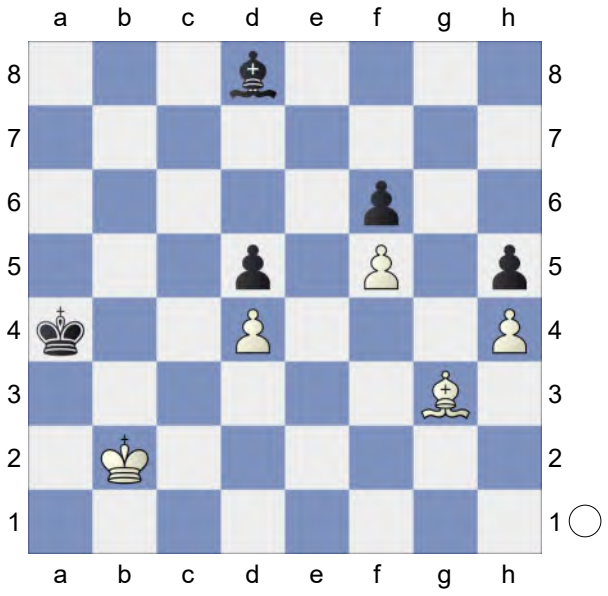
51.Kxg2 6 KB-KB **51...Be7** 0
[51...Kc6!? 52.Ba5□ Kd7=]
52.Kf3 1:27 **Bd8** 0 **53.Bh6?** -4.84/44 2:33
[53.Bb4= -0.01/38 and White is okay.]
53...Ba5-+ 0 **54.Ke2** 17 Dodges Ba5-e1
54...Bc3 0 Threatens to win with ...Kd7-d6! **55.Be3** 8 **Kc6!** 0



56.Bf2 13 **Kb5** 0 **57.Kd3** 26 **Bb4** 0
58.Bg3 38 **Ka4** 0 White must now prevent ...Ka4-b3. **59.Kc2** 48
(Diagram)



Ba5? -0.01/34 0
[59...Ka3!-+ -6.60/38 Strongly threatening ...Ka3-a4. 60.Bf2 Ba5]
60.Kb2!= 1:15 **Bd8** 0
[60...Kb5!? 61.Kb3□ Bd8=]



61.Kc3 -1.31/40 1:17
[61.Kc2!= -0.01/41]

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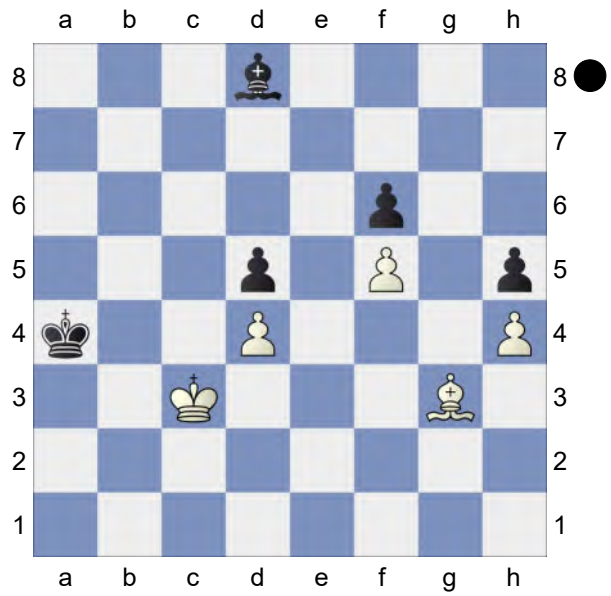
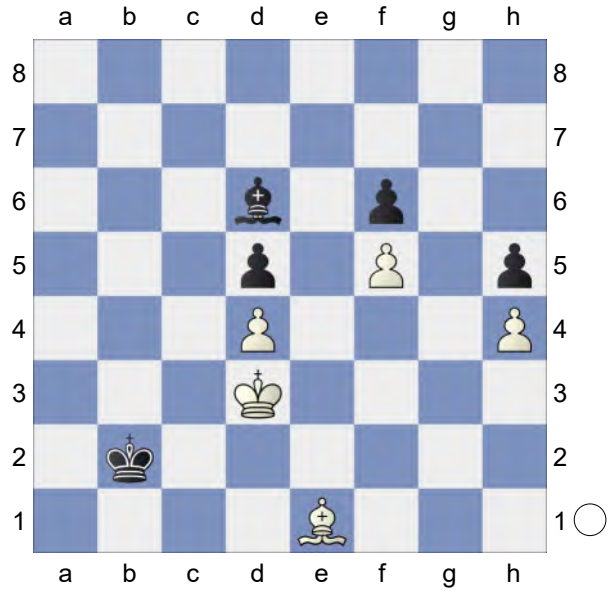
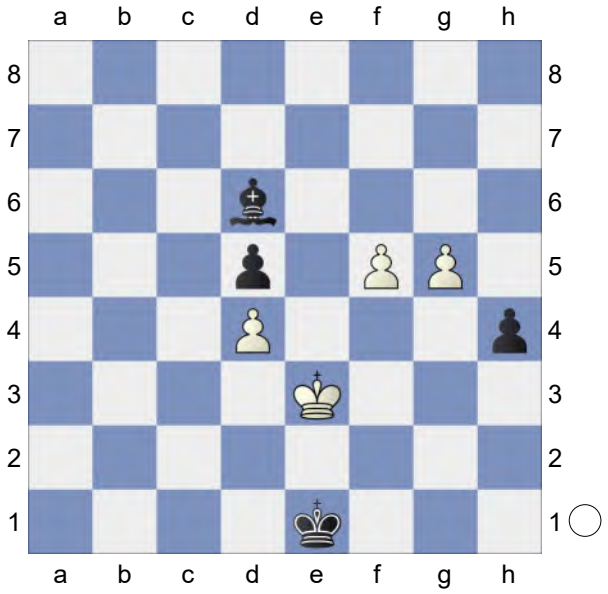


61...Be7 -0.01/35 14
[61...Bb6!∓ -1.31/40 aiming for ...Bb6-a5+. 62.Kd3 Ba5]
62.Bf2? -5.96/40 27
[62.Kd3= -0.01/35 and White stays safe.]
62...Bd6-+ 9 **63.Kc2** 34 **Kb4** 12 **64.Kd3** 13 **Kb3** 2 ...Bd6-c7 would now be deadly. **65.Be1** 43 **Kb2** 42

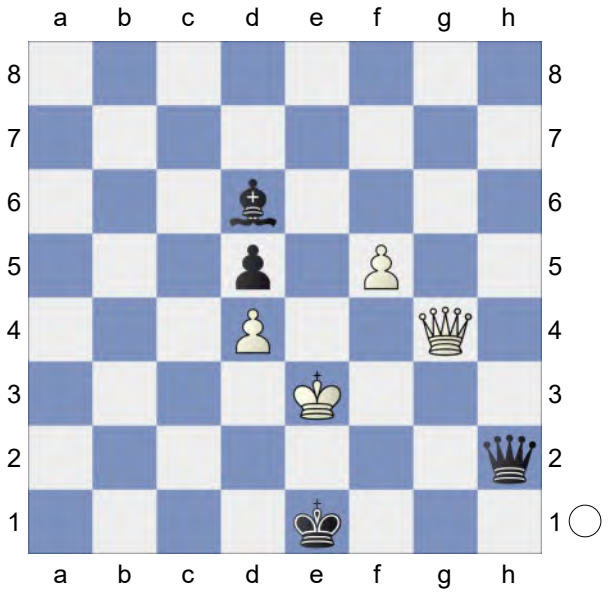


66.Bf2 33 **Kc1** 1:47 **67.Be3+** 18 **Kd1** 4:06 **68.Bg5?** -13.02/28 1
[68.Bh6 -3.78/32 Bg3 69.Ke3 Bxh4 70.Bf4]

68...fxg5 7:28 **69.hxg5** 1 KB-K3P
69...h4 7 **70.Ke3** 1:42 **Ke1** 1:21



71.g6 28 **h3** 24 (-> ...h3-h2) **72.g7** 17 **h2** 14 Black mates. **73.g8Q** 42 **h1Q** 1
[Weaker is 73...h1B 74.Qg1#]
74.Qg4 29 **Qh2** 3:10



Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

40 **C89**
□ **Manvelyan,Mikayel** **2289**
■ **Novik,Ma** **2404**
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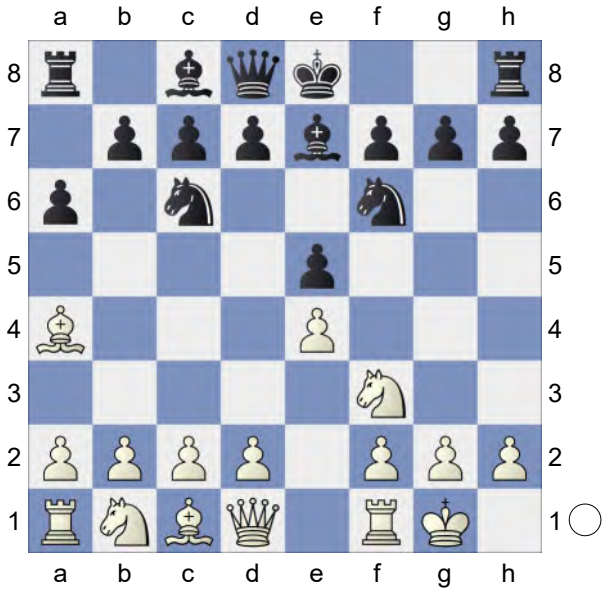
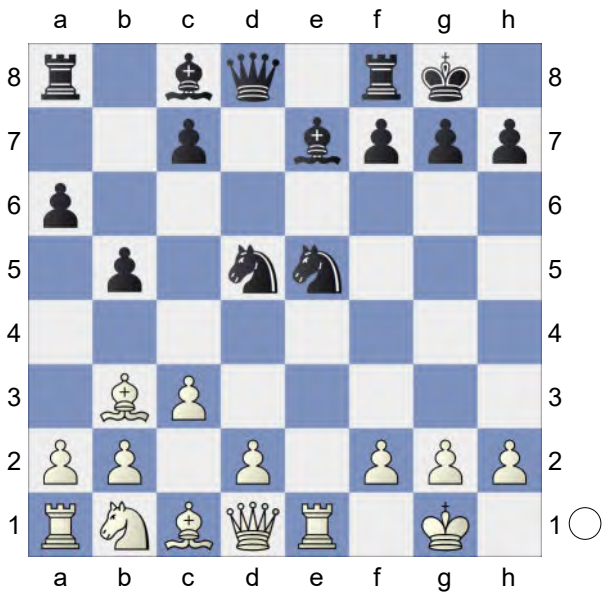
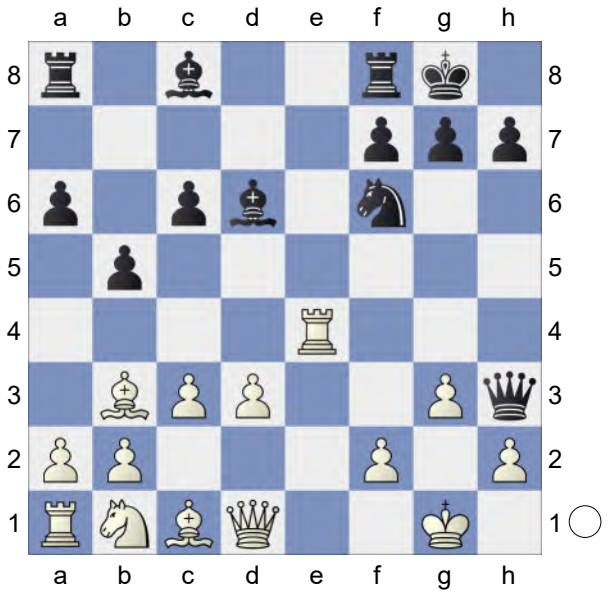
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



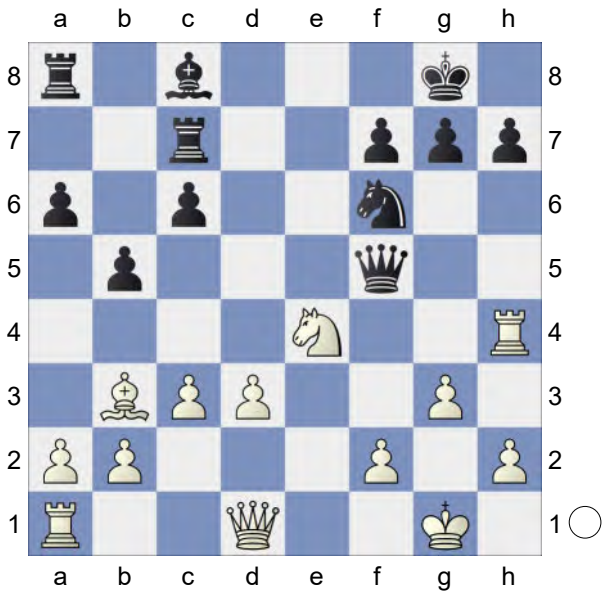
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



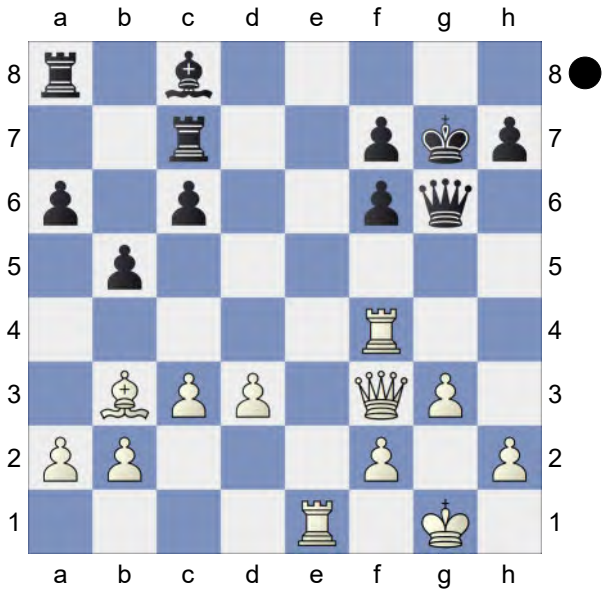
16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Re8 0.96/21
Repels Nd2-e417...Ng4 is a critical line. 17...Sg4 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[17...g5± 0.43/20 18.Rh6 Ng4]
[17...Bb7 18.Ne4 Rad8 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qh5 h6 21.Rg4 Kh8 22.Bg5 Qf5 23.Qh3 Bc8 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.Qh4 Rf8 26.Re4 c5 27.Rae1 Bb7 28.R4e3 c4 29.Bd1 cxd3 30.Qg4 Qf6 31.Bf3 Bc8 32.Qd4 1-0 Sly,D (2111)-B6 (2261) Jurajski mem2 corr9294 1992 (4)]
18.Ne4± White is better. **18...Bc7N** 3.07/20
[18...Nxe4± 0.96/20 19.dxe4 Discovered Attack *(19.Rxe4 Rxe4 20.dxe4* Discovered Attack *Qxe4= 21.Bc2 Qe7 22.Bg5 f6 23.Be3 Be6 24.Qf3 Qd7 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Be4 Bxa2 27.Bb6 Bb3 28.Rd4 c5 29.Bxc5 Qe6 30.c4 Bxc4 31.Bb6 f5 32.Rxc4 fxe4 33.Rxe4 Qd7 34.Bxd8* 1-0 Levano Loayza,A (2728)-Wohl,R (2735) 110/(211) Plovdiv 2010 (1) *)* 19...Qg6]
19.Bf4+- Re7N
[Vorgänger: 19...Be5? 4.88/21

19...Bc7xf4 2.79 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Rf4 Bf5 23.g4 1-0 Davila,C (2349)-Neumann,H (2211) Olympiad-35 Bled 2002 (11.1)]

20.Bxc7 Rxc7



21.Rf4 Qg6 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Re1

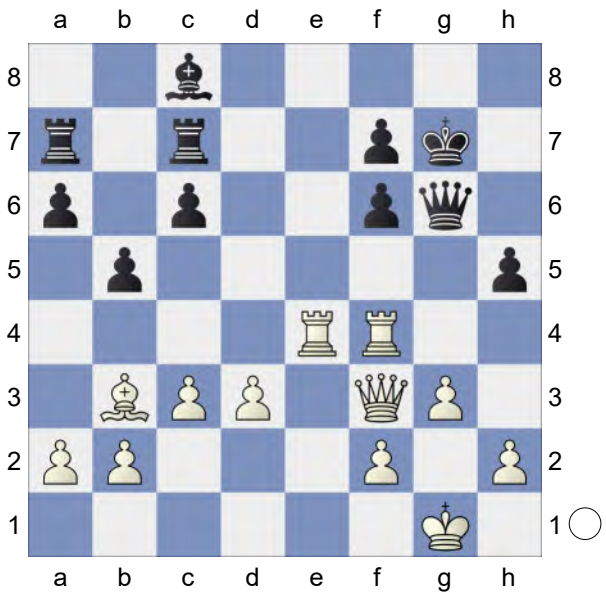


Prevents Rc7-e7. Strongly threatening Re1-e8. **24...Raa7?** 4.45/21

[24...h5 2.62/20 was called for. 25.Ree4 a5]

25.Ree4 Rf4-g4! is the strong threat.

25...h5



26.d4 Re7 27.Bc2 Hoping for Re4xe7.

27...Bg4? 9.00/21

[27...Bh3 2.88/22 28.Rh4 *(28.Rxe7 Qxc2 29.Re1 Re7+-)* 28...Rxe4 29.Bxe4 Re7]

28.Qe3? 3.07/20

[28.Rxg4 9.00/21 hxg4 29.Rxg4 Pin, Discovered Attack Re1+ 30.Kg2 Qxg4 31.Qxg4+ Kf8 32.h4]

28...Rxe4? 4.99/23

[28...Be6 3.07/20 29.h3 Re8]

29.Bxe4+-

[Less strong is 29.Rxe4 Bf5±]

29...Qg5 30.h4 Qh6

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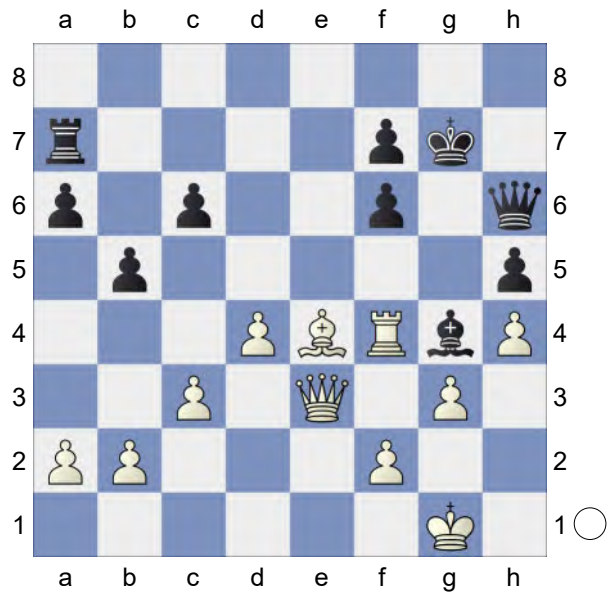
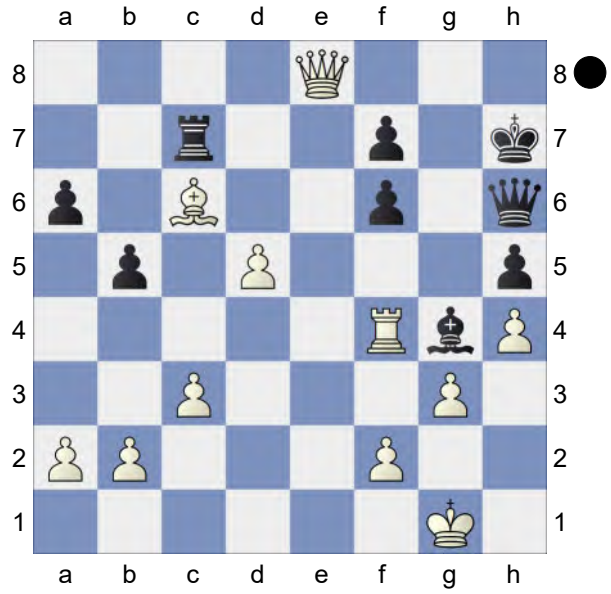


31.Bxc6 Rc7 32.d5 Kh7 33.Qe8



And now d5-d6 would win. **33...Qg6 34.d6 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qf1**

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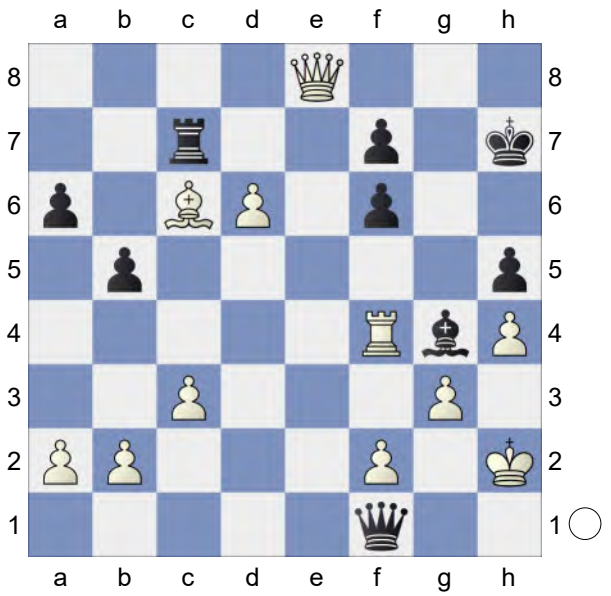
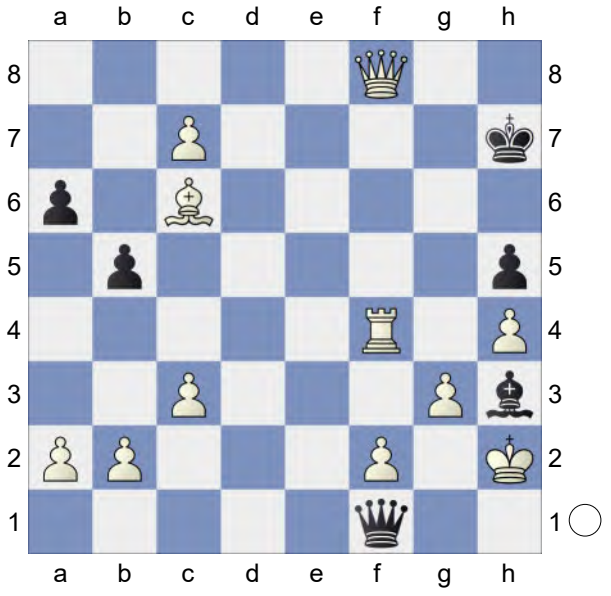


36.dxc7 White mates. **36...Bh3 37.Qxf7+ Kh8 38.Qxf6+ Kh7 39.Qf7+ Kh8 40.Qf8+ Kh7**



41.Rf7+ Kg6 42.Qg7#

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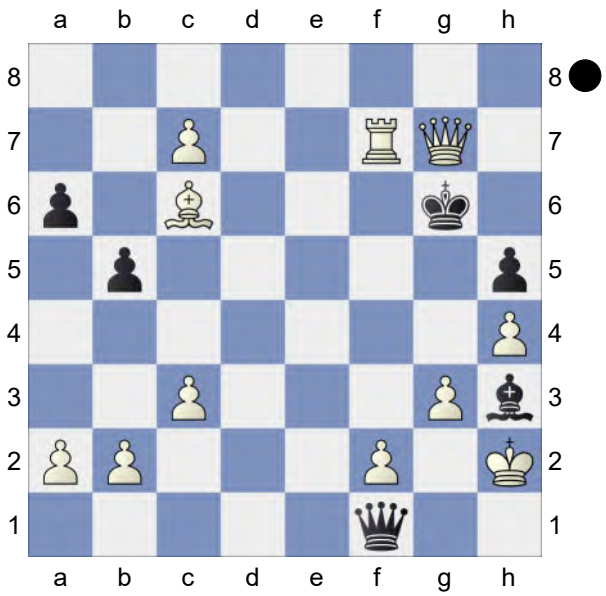
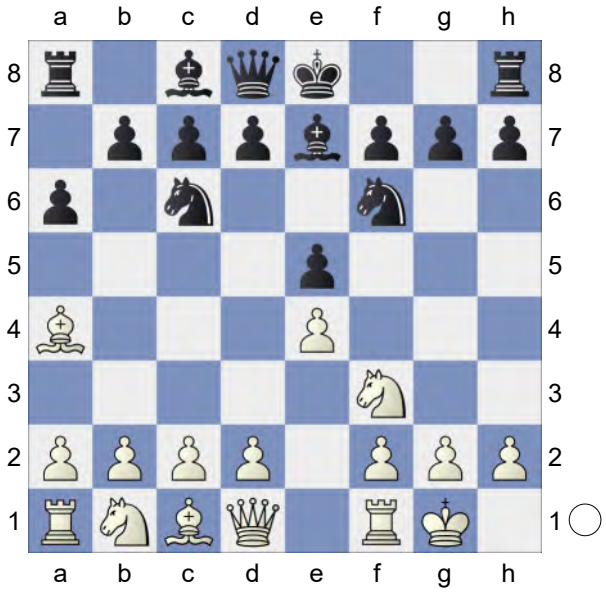


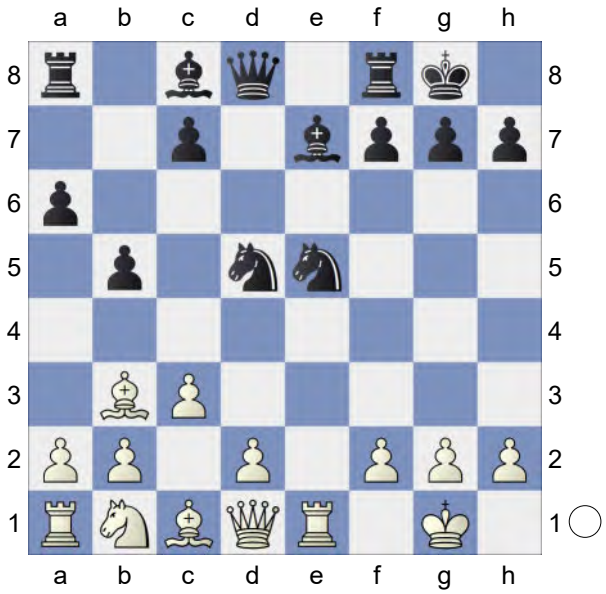
Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.85
1-0

41 **C89**
□ **MarianoFreyreX_2024** **2646**
■ **Vihajaisestatulesta** **2559**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

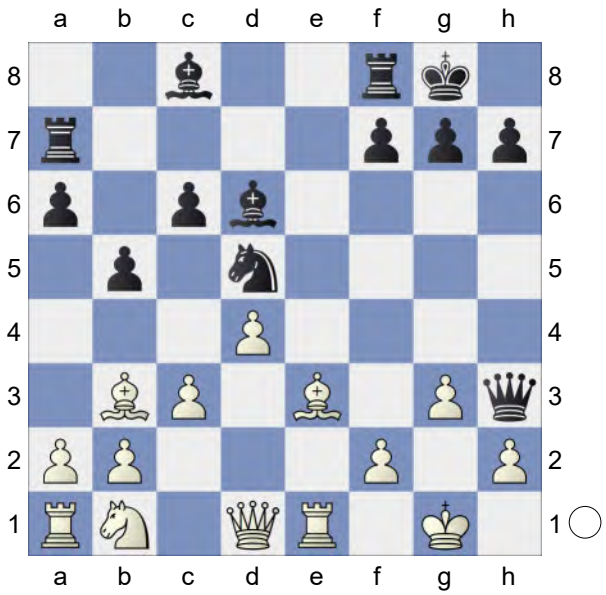
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 -0.27/20
[15.Re4± 0.35/22]
15...Ra7 0.31/20
[15...Nxe3= -0.27/20 16.Rxe3 a5]



16.Qd3N -0.01/22
[16.a4± 0.31/20 was preferrable.]
[16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qf3 Re7 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.a4 *(19.b4 h5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Rc7 22.Ra3 Bb7* 0-1 (22) Quigley,D-Harding,T email 1998 The Total Marshall [Harding]*)* 19...Kh8 *(19...b4 20.c4 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Bb7 22.d5 Bc7 23.Bd2 a5 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Qd7 27.b3 Qxd5 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Nd2 Be5 30.Kf1 Bc3 31.Nc4 Bxc4+ 32.bxc4 Bd4 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Kd3* Hernandez Molina,D-Lopez Gomez,J corr Cuba 1996 ½-½ (51) *)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qg2 Qf5 22.Qf3 Qh3 23.Ra5 b4 24.Rxd5 bxc3 25.bxc3 Bb7 26.Qh5 Qd7 27.c4 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 f5 29.c5 Bxg3 30.Qxd7 Bxh2+ Sanchez,A-Castellanos Salinas,J corr Cuba 1996 ½-½ (34)]
[16.Qf3 Re8 17.Nd2 Rae7 18.Nf1

Nf4 19.Qh1 Qg4 20.Bxf4 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rxe1 22.Bxd6 Qe2 23.Qg2 Bf5 24.f4 Qe3+ 25.Qf2 Bh3 0-1 (25) Astengo,C (2119)-Tiviakov,S (2668) Saint Vincent ITA 2006 [Chris Ward]]

16...Re7 17.Nd2 Rfe8 The position is equal. **18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.a4** -0.37/23

[19.Qe2= -0.06/22]

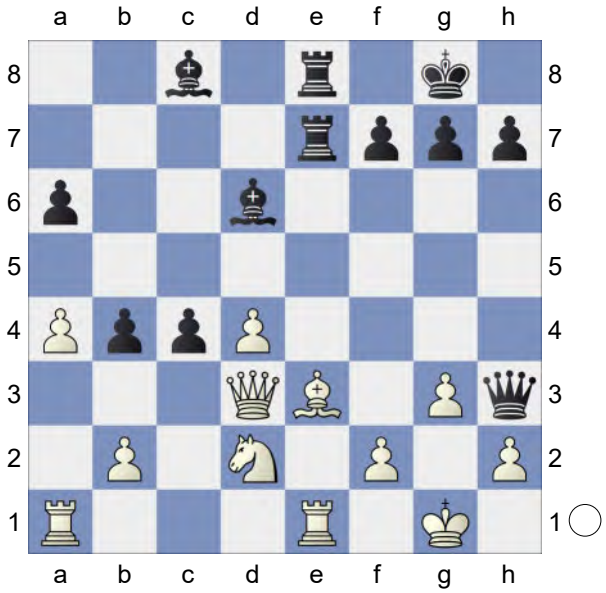
19...b4 0.01/20

[19...bxa4∓ -0.37/23 should be considered. 20.Rxa4 h5]

20.c4= dxc4 0.14/21

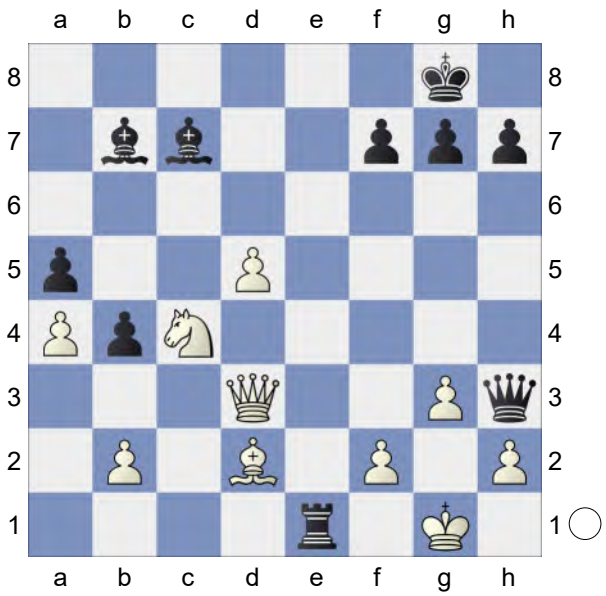
[Don't do 20...Bf5 21.Qf1±]

[20...f5!∓ -0.36/23 21.Qf1 *(21.cxd5? f4-+)* 21...Qh5]

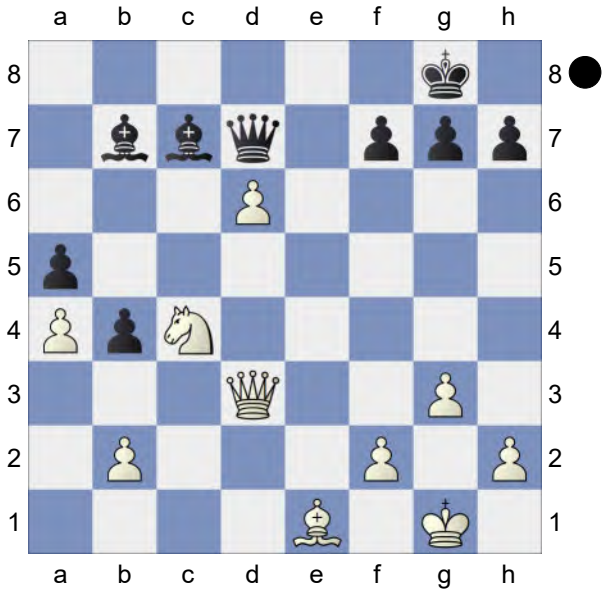


21.Nxc4 Bc7 22.d5 And now d6 would win. **22...Bb7! 23.Bd2** Strongly threatening Rxe7. **23...a5 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Re1 Rxe1+**

(Diagram)



26.Bxe1 Hoping for Nxa5! **26...Qd7 27.d6→**



White mounts an attack. **27...Qc6! 28.f3!** Active counter play! **28...Bd8** This bishop pair is nice. **29.Bf2 h5** 0.80/25

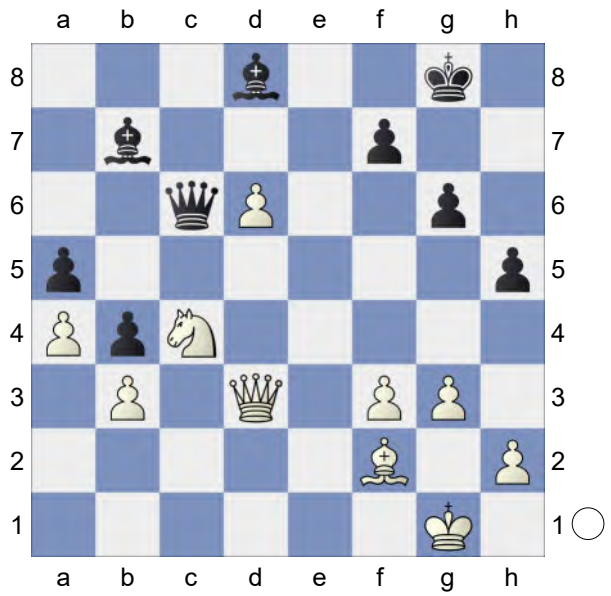
[29...Qxa4= 0.01/25 30.Ne5 Qe8]

30.b3 0.41/22

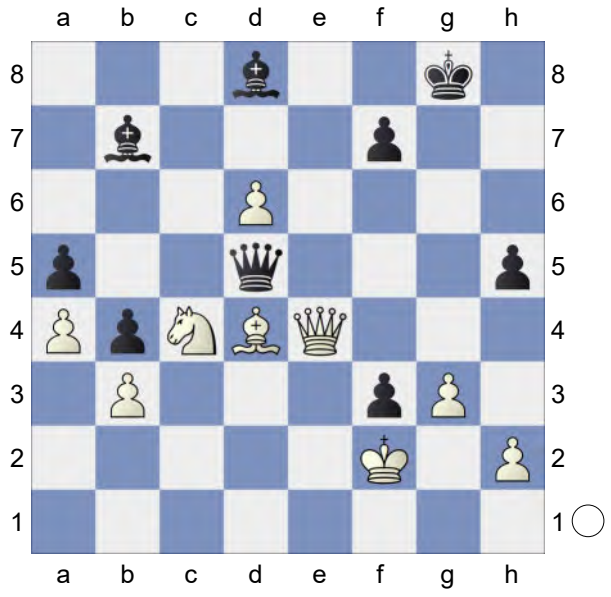
[30.Kg2± 0.80/25]

30...g6

(Diagram)



31.Kg2 g5 32.Bd4 0.18/27
[32.Ba7!± 0.64/22 feels stronger.]
32...g4 33.Kf2 Qe4! is the strong threat. **33...Qd5** Inhibits Qe4. Threatens to win with …Bf6! **34.Qe4** White wants to mate with Qe8+. **34...gxf3?** #14/23
[34...Kf8± 0.77/25]



35.Qe8+ Kh7

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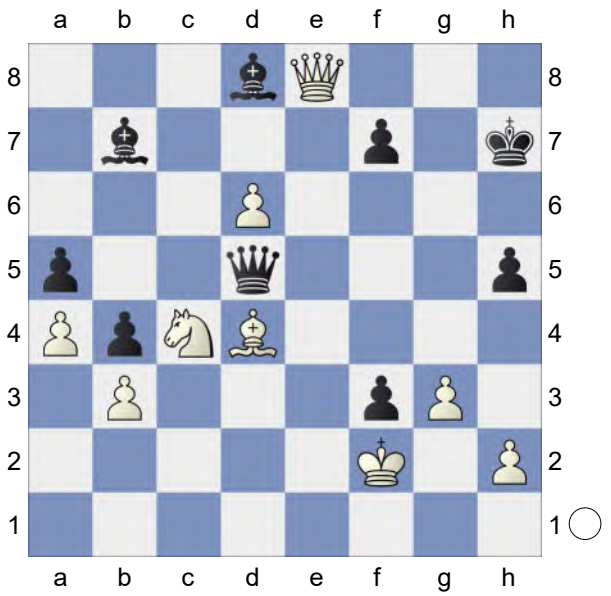
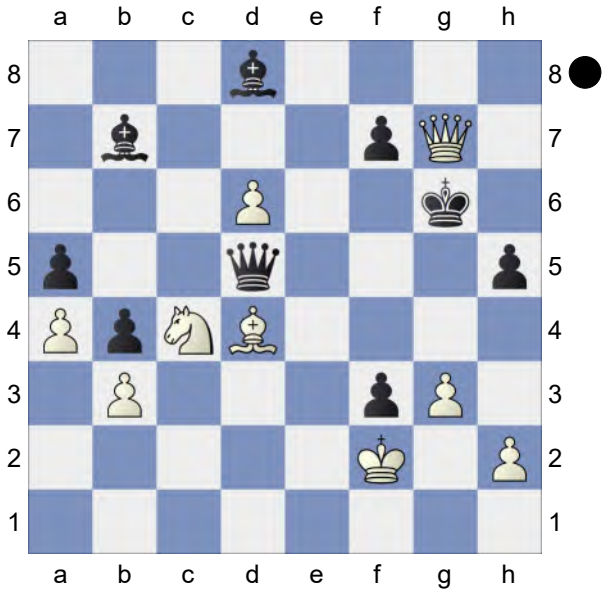


36.Qh8+ Kg6 37.Qg7+



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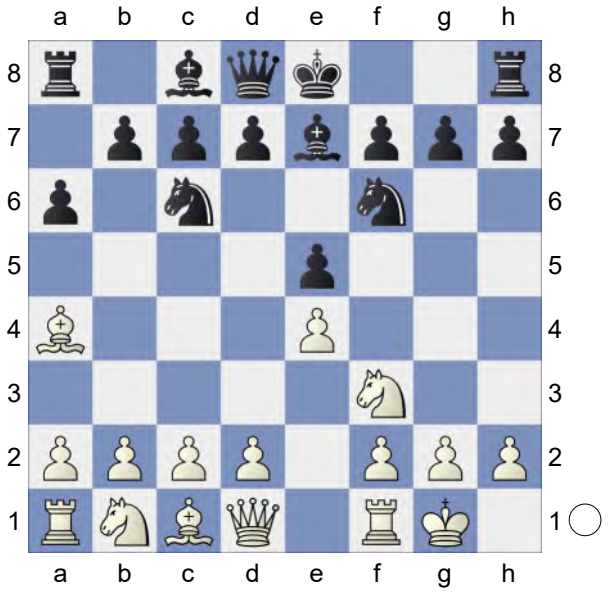
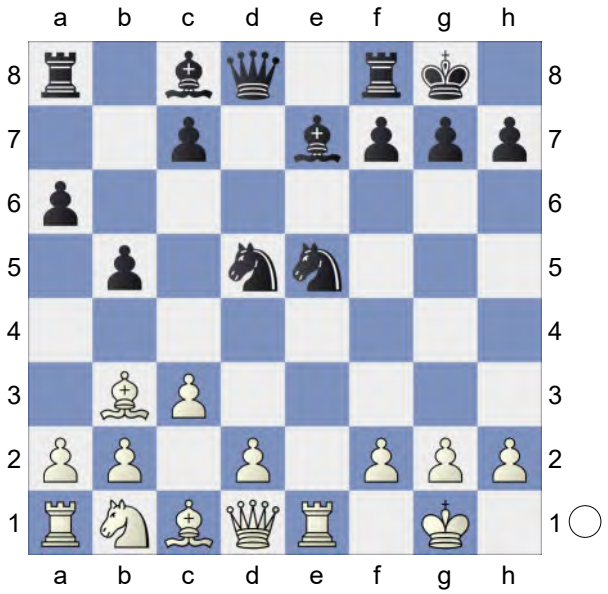
42 **C89**
□ **mayhem23111** **3065**
■ **PatriciaBot** **2851**
Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5 13.Re1 a4
14.Bc2 White has an edge. **14...Bf5**
15.a3 Bd6N
[15...Qd7 16.Nd2 Bg4 17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Rf7 29.Qf2 Rg6 30.Qd2 Fracasso Fuellbeck,M (2532)-Skopec,L (2550) Cuba 2019 CYB 12 [Herbold,M] ½-½ (35) Bg3 31.Kf1 Rfg7 32.Qe3 Re6 33.Qd2 Reg6 34.Qe3 Re6 35.Qd2 Reg6 0-1 (35) Emery,S (2029)-Joie,S (2353) Bern 2023]
[15...Re8 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Ne4 f5 18.Ng3 Bd6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Bd2 Ra7 21.Qf1 Re7 22.Re1 f4 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3 Nf6 26.Bg5 Bxe4 27.dxe4 h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qd3 g5 30.h3 Firouzja,A (2770)-Abasov,N (2638) Riga 2021 CBM 205 [Firouzja,Alireza] 1-0 (49) h5 31.e5 Qxe5 32.Qxf3 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Be4 Qg5+ 35.Qg2 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2 c5 37.Bc6 b4 38.axb4 cxb4 39.cxb4 Bxb4 40.Bxa4 Kg7 41.f4 Bd6 42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Bb4 44.Bd7 Bd6 45.Bg4 Modestov,B (2644)-Brodsky,M (2710) Minsk 2021 Tango! [Rause, Latvian mag 4/99] 1-0 (49)]

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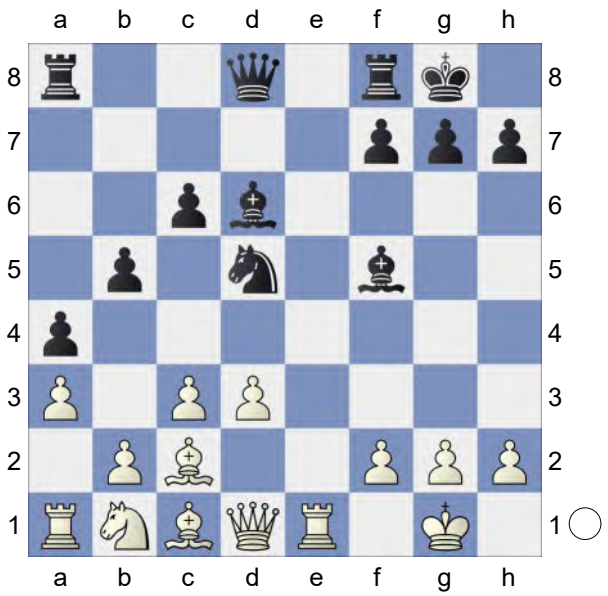
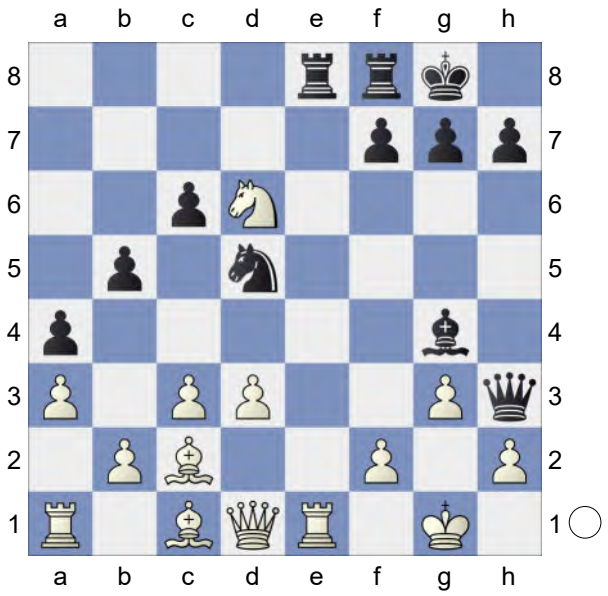


16.Nd2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne4 Rae8
1.29/20 **19.Nxd6± Bg4**



(-> ...Bf3) **20.Nxe8! Bxd1**

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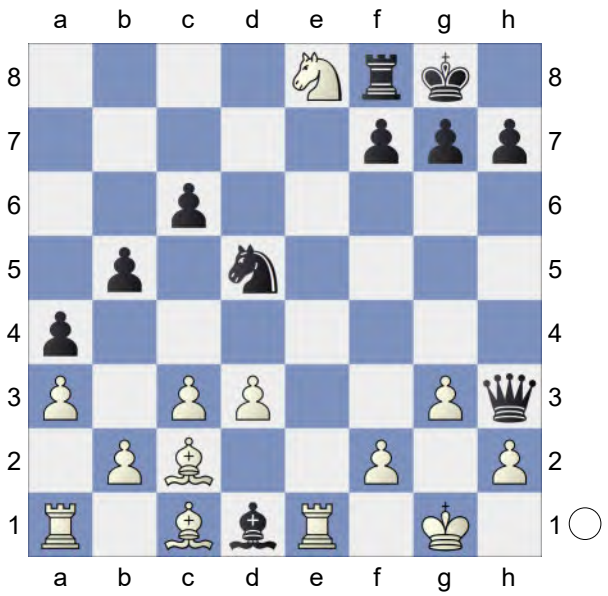
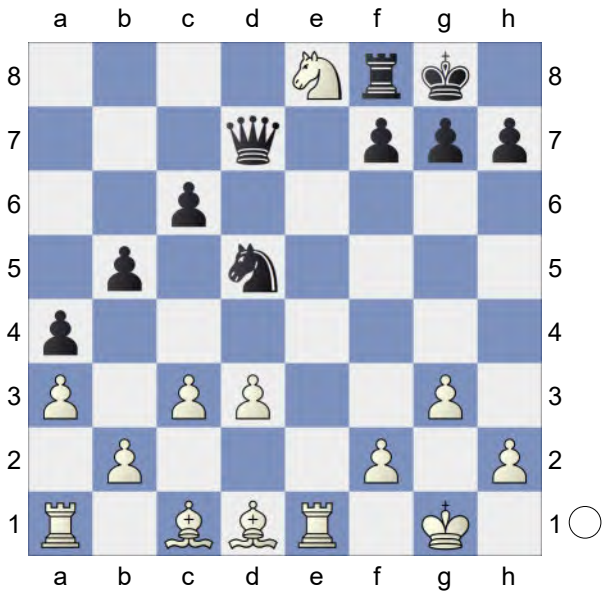


21.Bxd1 Threatens to win with c4.
21...Qd7



22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Kg2 Re8

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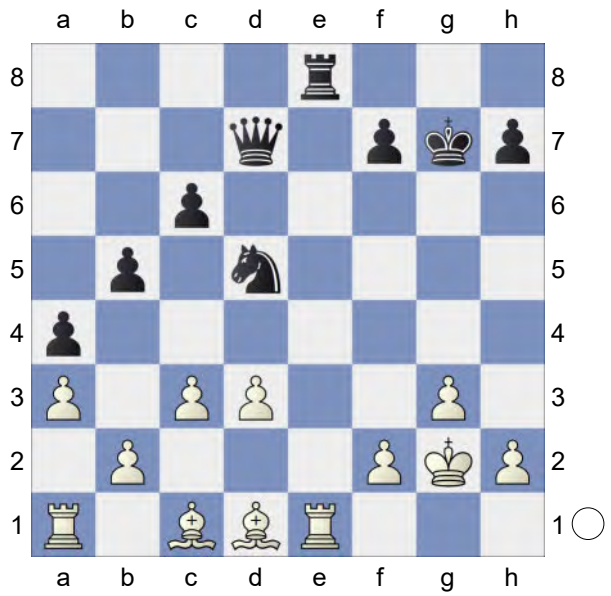
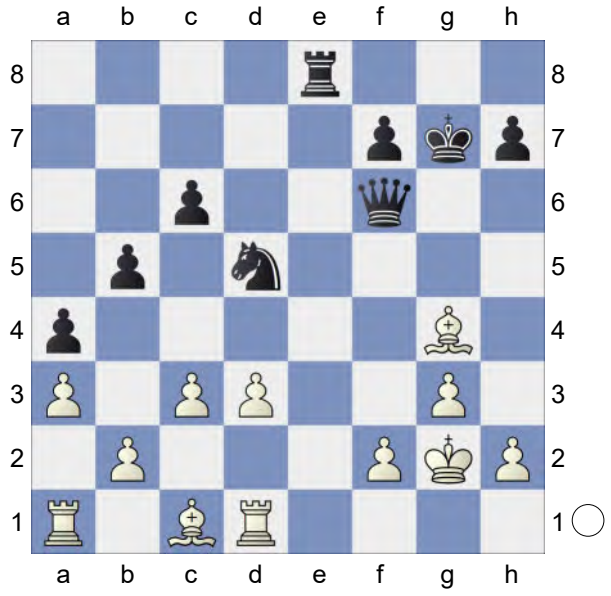


24.Bg4! Qd8 25.Rd1 Qf6



26.h4 Re5 27.h5 Rf5 1.77/21 **28.h6++- Kg6 29.Rf1**

[But not 29.Bxf5+?! Qxf5 30.Be3 Nxe3+ 31.fxe3 Qc5±]

29...Qe6 1.70/22

[29...Rg5± 1.11/20]

30.Bd2 aiming for Rae1.

[Don't do 30.Bxf5+ Qxf5 31.Bd2 Qxd3±]

30...Nf6

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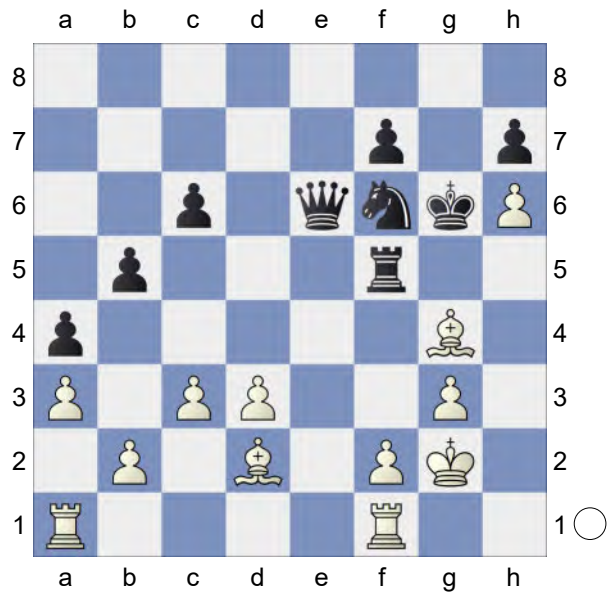
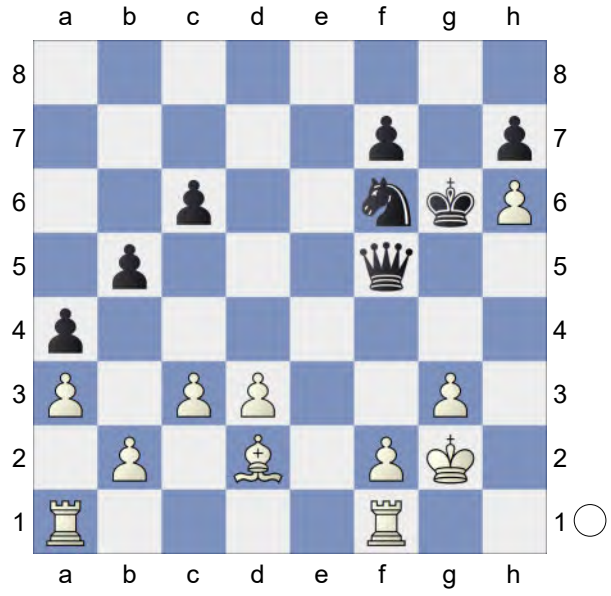


31.Bxf5+ Qxf5



32.Rad1! Qd5+ 1.88/22

[32...Ng4± 1.45/20]

33.f3 Qxd3 34.Bc1 Qe2+ 35.Kg1 Strongly threatening Rd6. **35...Nd5**

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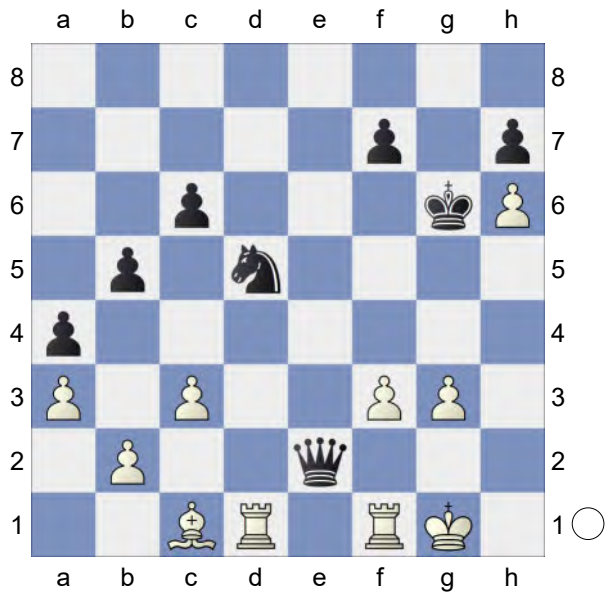
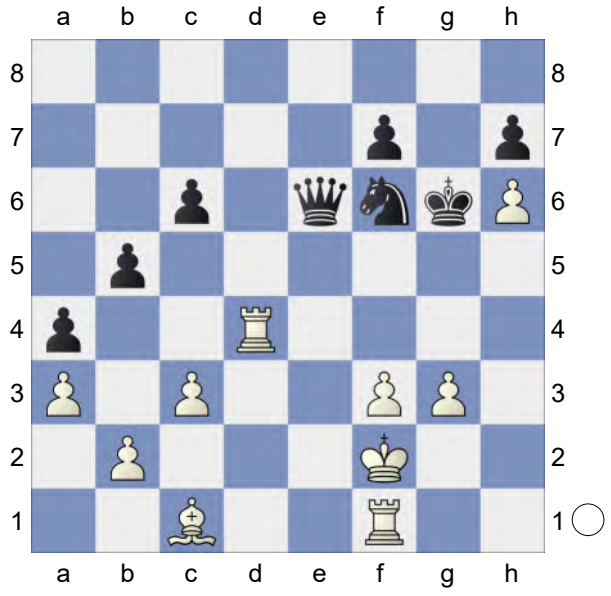


36.Rde1 Qc4 2.71/24
[36...Qd3 1.65/23 might work better. 37.Rf2 f6]
37.Re4 Qc5+ 38.Kg2 Nf6
Against Rg4+ **39.Rd4 Qe7** Against Re1
40.Kf2 Prevents Qe2+. **40...Qe6** 4.02/21
[⌓40...c5 2.52/24 41.Rdd1 *(41.Re1 Qxe1+ 42.Kxe1 cxd4+-)* 41...Qe6]



41.Rfd1 Qf5 42.Rd6 Qc2+ 43.Kg1 Qe2 44.Rf1 c5 45.g4 b4

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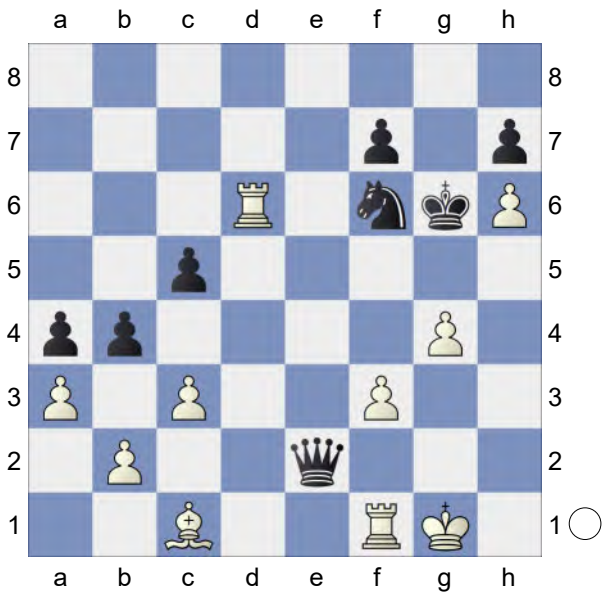
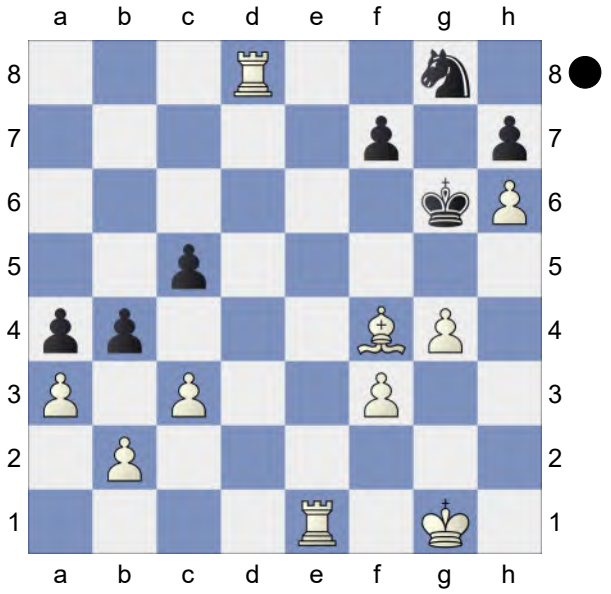


46.Bf4 Qc2 47.Re1 Qd3 48.Rxd3 Ng8 49.Rd8



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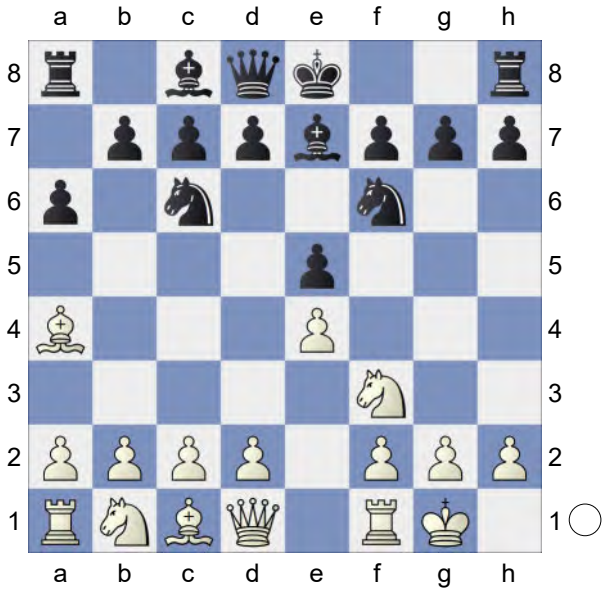
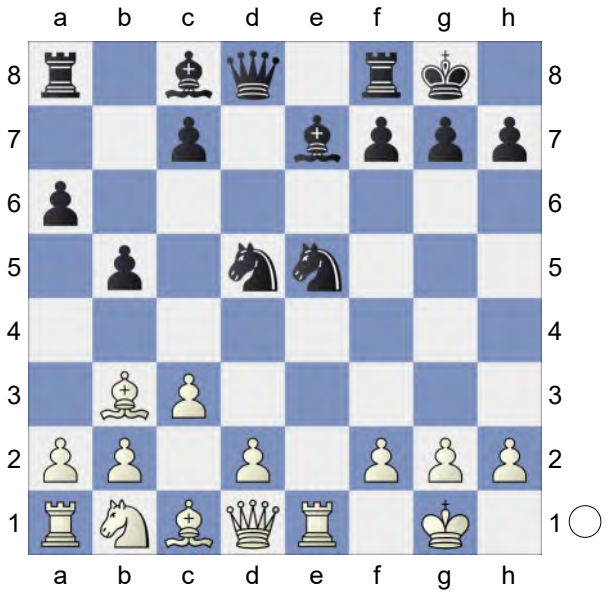
43 **C89**
□ **mayhem23111** **3008**
■ **caissa-x** **3036**
Blitz 27.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

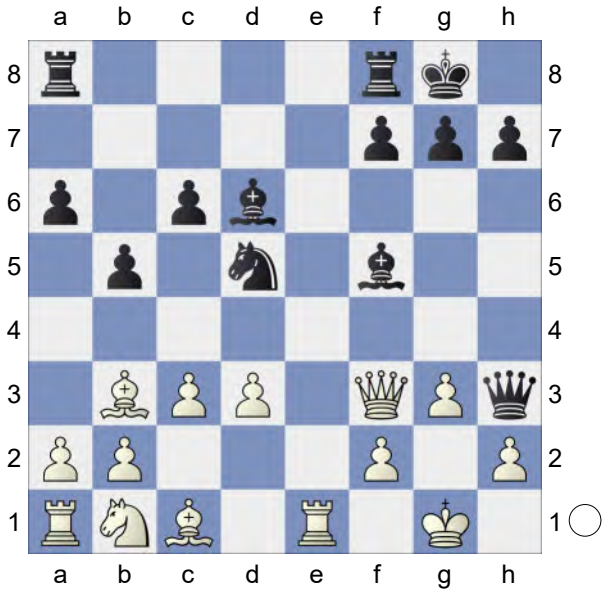
Blitz 5min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



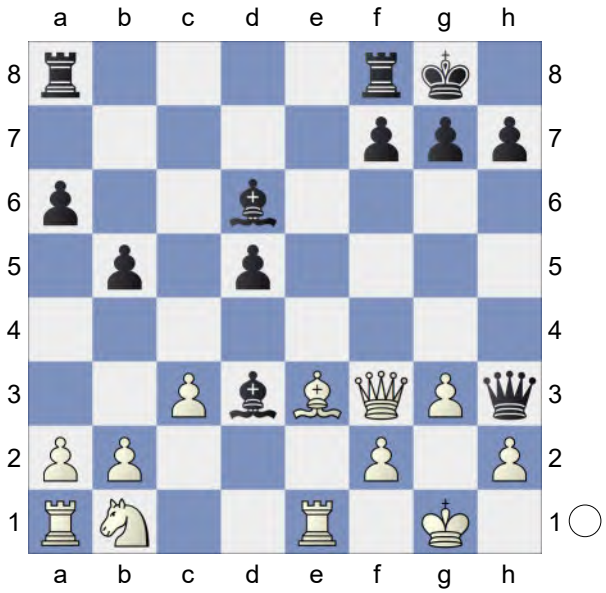
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3!
[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Be3 Bxd3
[17...Rad8 seems wilder. 18.Nd2 Bg4 19.Qxd5 Bxg3 20.Qg2 Bc7]



And now ...Be4 would win. **18.Nd2N**
Against Be4
[18.Qxd5 Rad8 19.Qf3 *(19.Qxd3 Bxg3* The Dangerous D3-A23 Be3 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos

Pavlovic])

A) 19...Bc4 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4 Bb8 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.f3 *(23.a4 b4 24.Qf3 Qh3 25.Qd3 a5 26.Nf3 h6 27.cxb4 axb4 28.Qe3 Bd5 29.Bc5 Bd6 30.Nh4 Ba8 31.Bxd6 Rxd6 32.Rad1 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Qc8 34.Qd3 Qc6 35.f3 Qxa4* 12.♔d2 Survey 1995 (35)) 23...Qg6 24.a3 h5 25.Re2 Rd5 26.Rae1 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Bd6 28.Qf2 Rf5 29.Nxd6 ½-½ (29) Anand,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739) Nice (rapid) 102/(258) 2008 CI1-130 [RR];

B) 19...Rfe8 20.Nd2 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bd4 f6 23.f3 b4 24.Ne4 Bc7 25.Kf2 bxc3 26.bxc3 Rb8 27.Re2 Kf7 28.Rd1 h5 29.Bc5 Kg6 30.Bd4 1-0 (30) Carlsen,M (2826)-Vallejo Pons,F (2697) Khanty Mansiysk 2010 CBM 139 [ChessBase];

C) 19...f5 20.Nd2 f4 21.Bd4 fxg3 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.hxg3 Bf4 24.Qb7 Rxd4 25.cxd4 Bxd2 26.Qf3 Qf5 27.Qxf5 Bxf5 28.Re5 Kg8 29.Rd1 Bb4 30.Rc1 Bd6 31.Rd5 Bb8 32.Re1 h6 Naiditsch,A (2571)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2652) Germany 2004 EXT 2005 [ChessBase] 1-0 (61)]

18...Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 This bishop pair is nice. **20.Nb3 b4**

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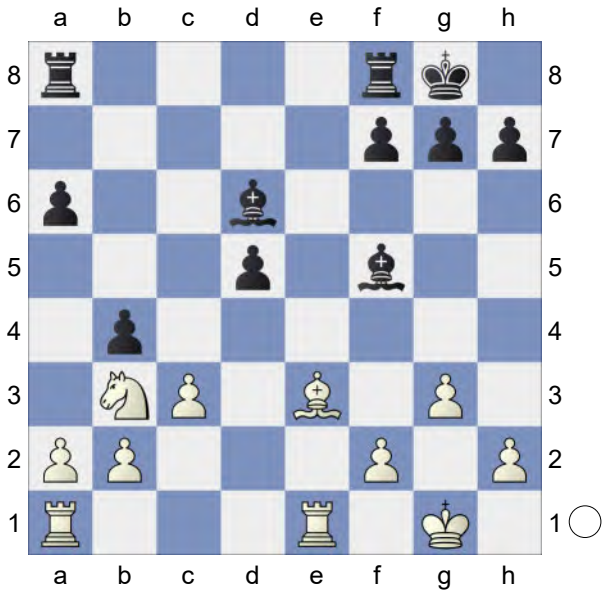
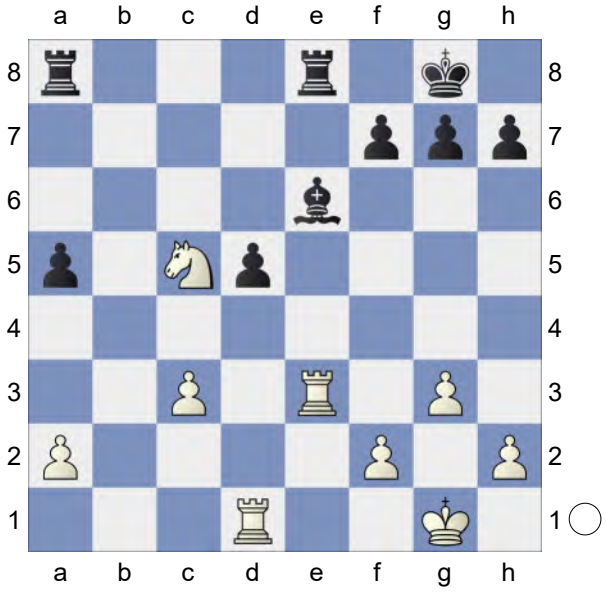
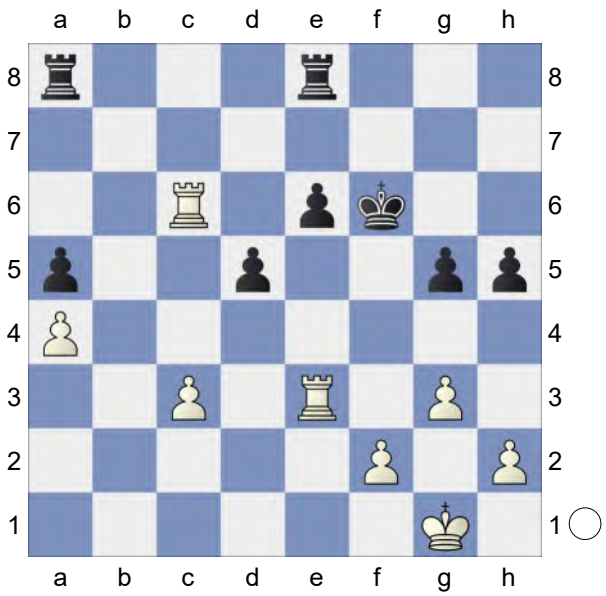


21.Rad1 Be6 22.Bc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 bxc3 24.bxc3 Rfe8 25.Re3 a5 0.41/21 [25...Bg4!= 0.06/21 is superior. 26.Rxd5 Rxe3 27.fxe3 Rb8]



26.Nxe6± fxe6 Endgame KRR-KRR **27.Rb1 Kf7 28.Rb6 g5 29.Rc6 Kf6 30.a4 h5**

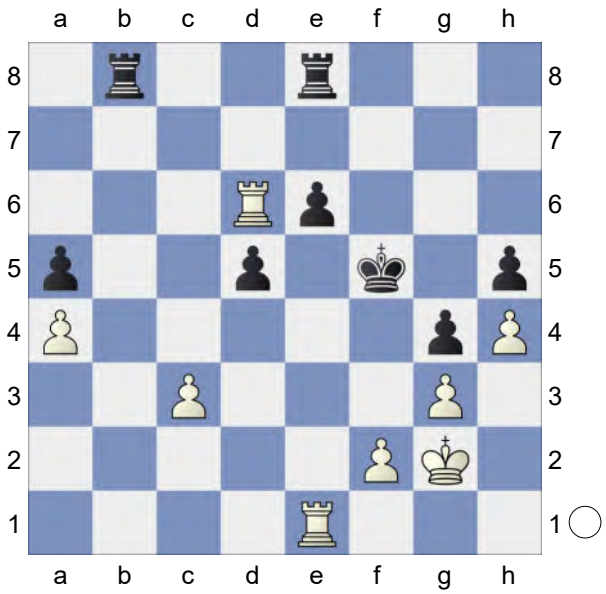
(Diagram)



31.h3 Kf5 32.Kg2 g4 33.h4 Rab8 34.Re1 0.06/23

[34.Ra6± 0.41/24 might be stronger.]

34...Rb2= 35.Rd6 Rbb8



36.Ra6 Rbc8 37.Rxa5 Rxc3 38.Ra7 e5 39.Rh7 0.01/20

[39.Rg7± 0.48/20]

39...Kg6 40.Rd7 d4

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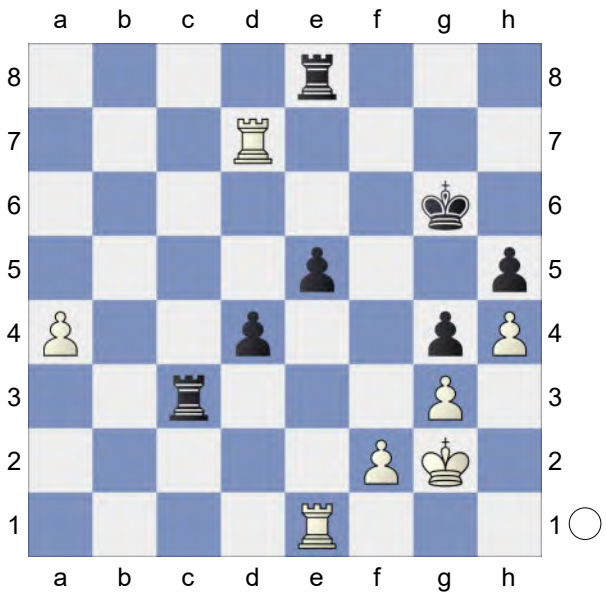
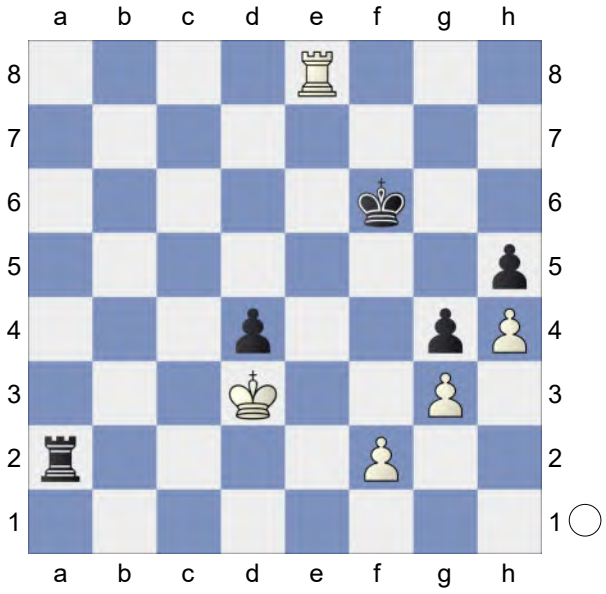
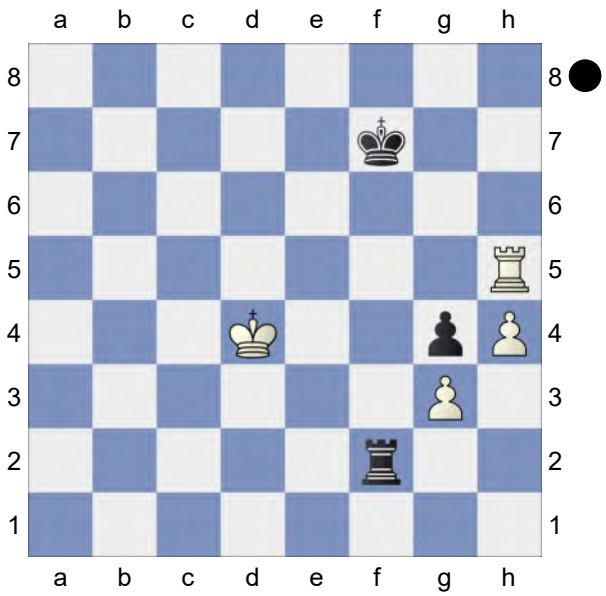


41.Rxd4 exd4 The position is equal. **42.Rxe8** KR-KR **42...Kf6 43.Kf1 Ra3 44.Ke2 Rxa4 45.Kd3 Ra2**



46.Kxd4 Kf7 Prevents Rf8+. **47.Re5 Rxf2 48.Rxh5**

(Diagram)



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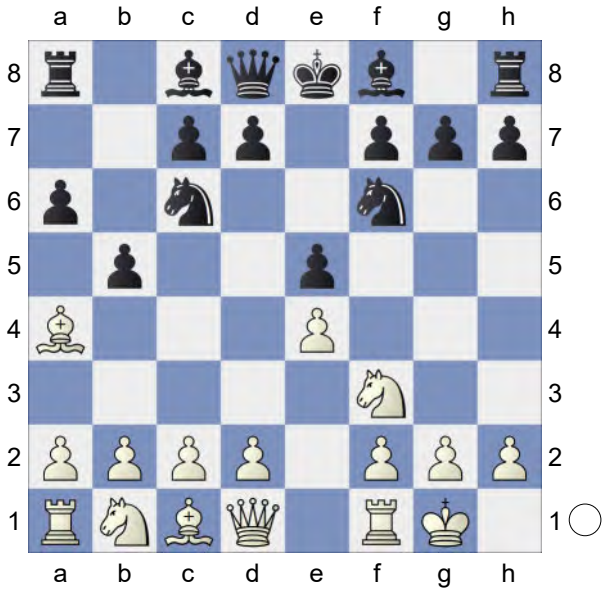
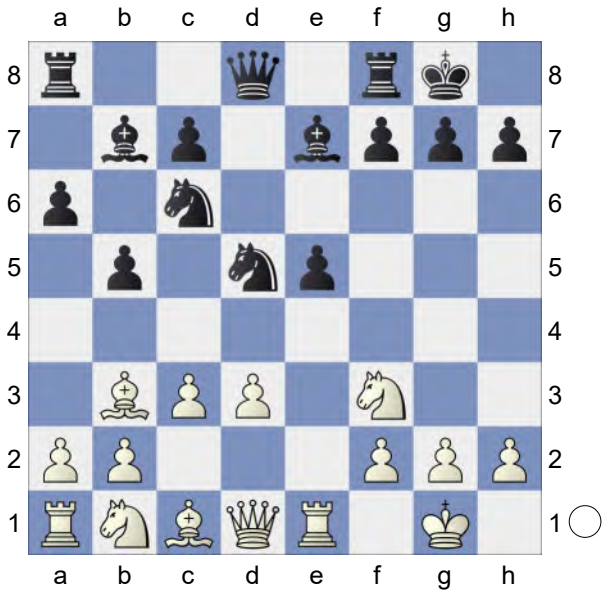
44 **C89**
□ **mishalemark** **2602**
■ **lederman** **2417**
Blitz 09.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5

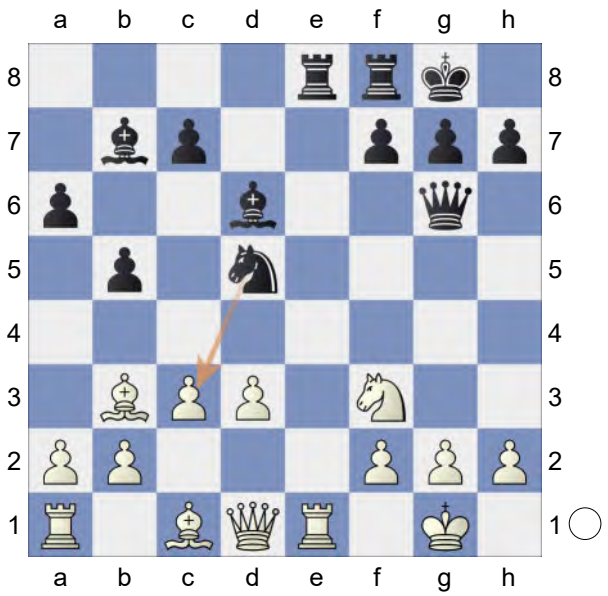


6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d3 Bb7

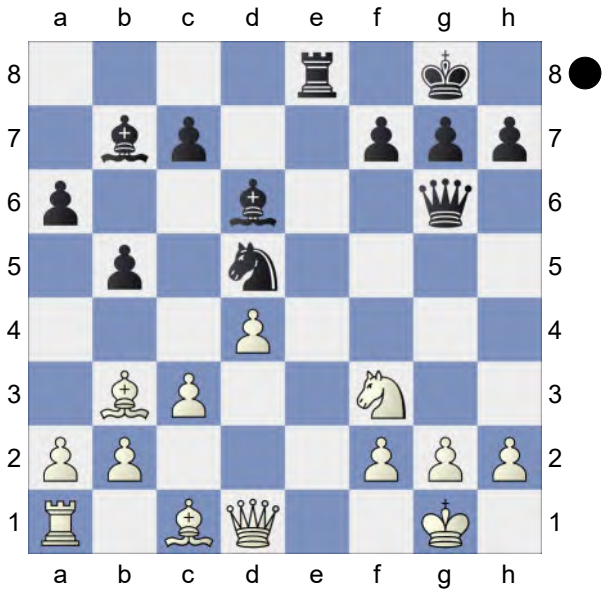


11.Nxe5
[11.a4 b4 12.a5 Kh8 13.d4 bxc3 14.bxc3 exd4 15.cxd4 Ncb4 16.Bc4 c5 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Bf6 19.Qd2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nf4 21.Qxb4 Bxf3 22.g3 Qd4 23.Ra2 Nd3 24.Rd2 Nxb4 25.Rxd4 Nc2 Vaishali,R (2475)-Lagno,K (2542) Toronto, Canada 2024 [Harry Grieve] 0-1]
11...Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qd6
[12...Qd7 13.Qf3 Rad8 14.Nd2 c5 15.Ne4 c4 16.dxc4 Nf6 17.Be3 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qd3 19.Rd4 Bxf3 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.gxf3 Bf6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.cxb5 axb5 24.f4 ½-½ (24) Spassky,B (2620)-Polgar Zsuzsa (2485) Cannes (France) 1987]
13.Re1 Rae8N
[13...c5 14.Nd2 Rae8 15.Ne4 Qc6 16.a4 Nb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qf3 c4 19.dxc4 bxc4 20.Bc2 f5 21.Ng3 Qc7 22.Bf4 Qc8 23.Qh5 Qc6 24.Qh3 g6 25.Ne2 Bf6 26.Qg3 Rd8 27.Bxf5 Bh4 28.Be6+ Reiners,M (2592)-Neat,P (2369) Las Palmas 2015 Capablanca: Move by Move [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (35) Qxe6 29.Qxh4 Rde8 30.f3 Qd5 31.Nd4 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Na4 33.Bh6 Qd8 34.Re7 Rf7 35.Rxf7 1-0 (35) Solodovnichenko,Y (2592)-Milliet,S (2369) Montpellier 2015 CBM 166 Extra [ChessBase II]]
14.Nd2! Qg6 0.90/19
[Black should play 14...Nf6± 0.31/18]
15.Nf3 -0.11/20
[15.Qf3± 0.90/19 c6 16.Ne4]
15...Bd6=

(Diagram)

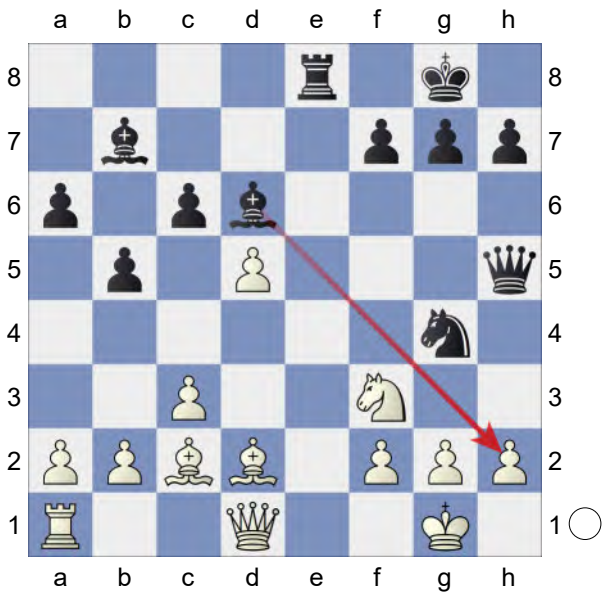


Hoping for ...Nxc3! **16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.d4?** -5.95/21
[17.Bxd5= -0.16/17 and White is okay. Bxd5 18.Be3]

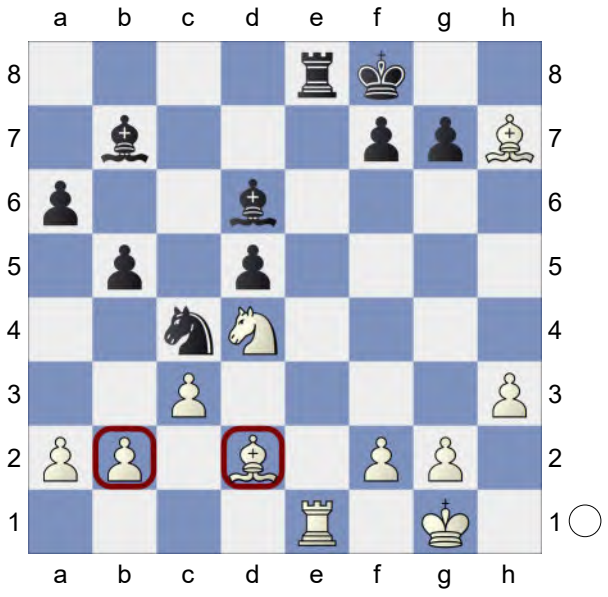


17...Nf6? 0.01/22
[17...Nxc3!-+ -5.95/21 18.bxc3 Bxf3 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.gxf3 Qh5]
18.Bd2! Ng4 19.d5! c6 0.74/20
[19...Qf5= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
20.Bc2± Qh5

(Diagram)

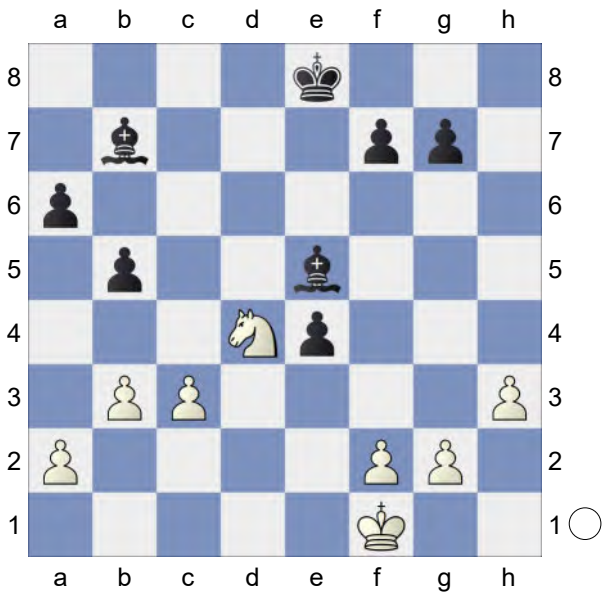


21.h3 Ne5 22.Nd4 0.49/19
[22.dxc6± 0.81/23 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Bxc6 25.Kg2]
22...Qxd1+± 23.Rxd1 And now Re1 would win. **23...cxd5 24.Re1** Black must now prevent f4. **24...Kf8 25.Bxh7** Threatens to win with Nf5. **25...Nc4**

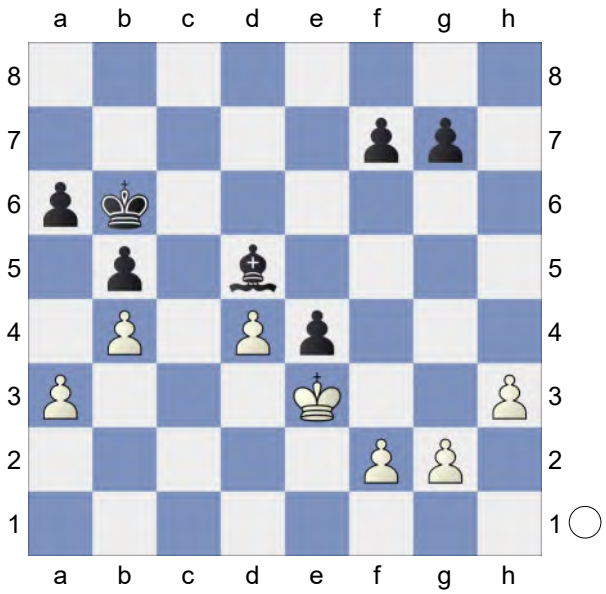


26.Rxe8+ Kxe8 27.b3? -5.05/19
Nxd2-+ 28.Bd3 Ne4 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.Kf1 Be5

(Diagram)

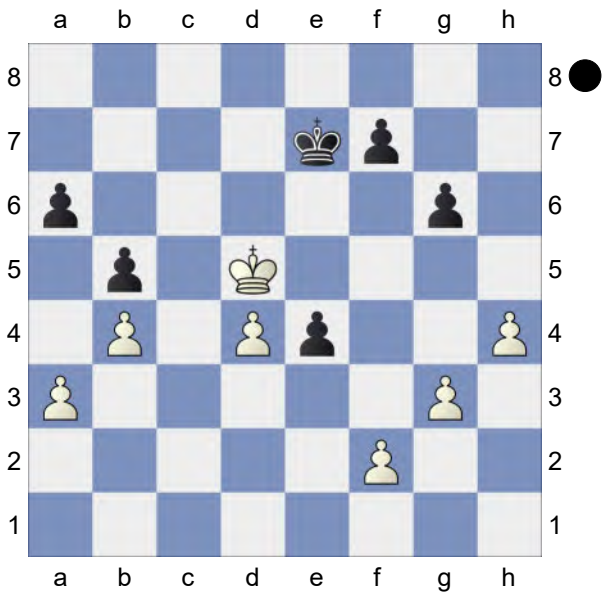


31.a3 Bxd4 32.cxd4 Endgame KB-KP **32...Bd5 33.b4 Kd7 34.Ke2 Kc6 35.Ke3 Kb6**



36.h4 g6 37.g3 Kc6 38.Kf4 Kd7 39.Ke5 Ke7?? 9.30/23 **40.Kxd5**

(Diagram)



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45 **C89**
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
Qatar Masters 2024 | Open A (4) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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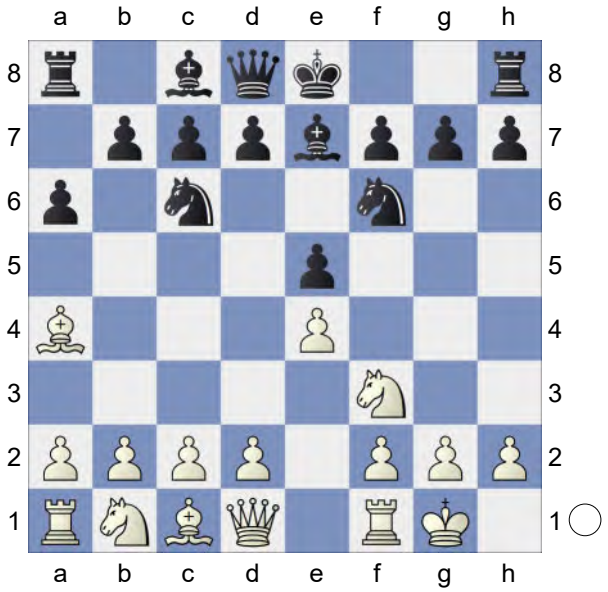
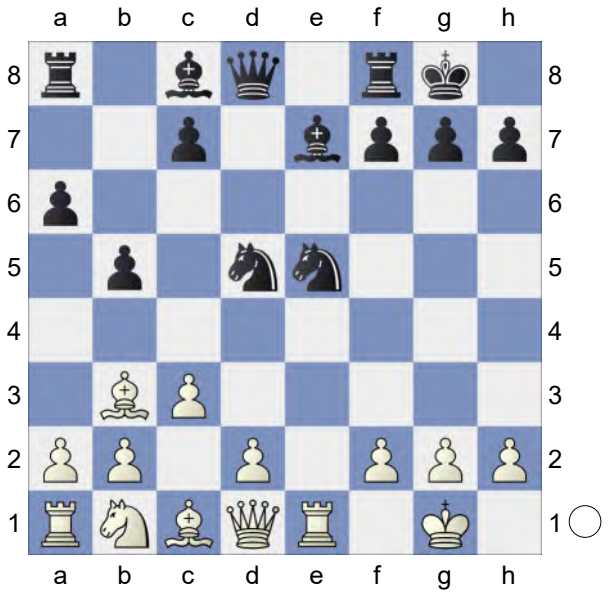


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8
14.Rxe8+
[14.Nd2 b4 15.c4 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 ½-½ De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K (2620) Olympiad-32 Yerevan 1996 (12.2)]
[14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5 Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6_82883-Jovanic,O Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) Agde 2006]
14...Qxe8 White is slightly better.
15.Na3N
[15.a4 b4 16.Bd2 Nf4 17.f3 Ne6 18.Be3 Rd8 19.Qd2 bxc3 20.bxc3 c5 21.d5 Nc7 22.d6 Be5 23.Bxc5 Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Qe5+ 25.Kh3 Bc8+ 26.g4 Qxc5 27.Qf4 Ne6 28.Bxe6 Bxe6 29.Nd2 Qxc3 0-1 Potter,J-7.♕f5 ef5 8.a3 ♗d6_60526 52/482 Reykjavik 1991 30.Rb1 h5 31.Kh4 hxg4 32.fxg4 Bd5 33.Re1 Qc6 34.Ne4 Bxe4 35.Qxe4 Rxd6 36.Qxc6 Rxc6 37.Re4 Re6 38.Rc4 Kh7 39.Kg5 f6+ 40.Kf4 Re5 41.Kg3 Kg6 42.Kf4 Kf7 43.Rc7+ Kg6 44.Rc4 a5 0-1 Stefan NI-Monster Mash March 2001 Fast #2 rd3 #3 itsyourturn.com]
[15.Bc2 c5 16.dxc5 Rd8 17.Qf1 Qe5 18.Na3 Be7 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Re1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bxc5 22.Nb1 Re8 23.Qd1 Re5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.c4 b4 26.b3 Bd6 27.g3 Bc5 28.Bf4 Qe6 29.Qd8+ Bf8 0-1 Lehtinen,A-Mackintosh,I Scotland-

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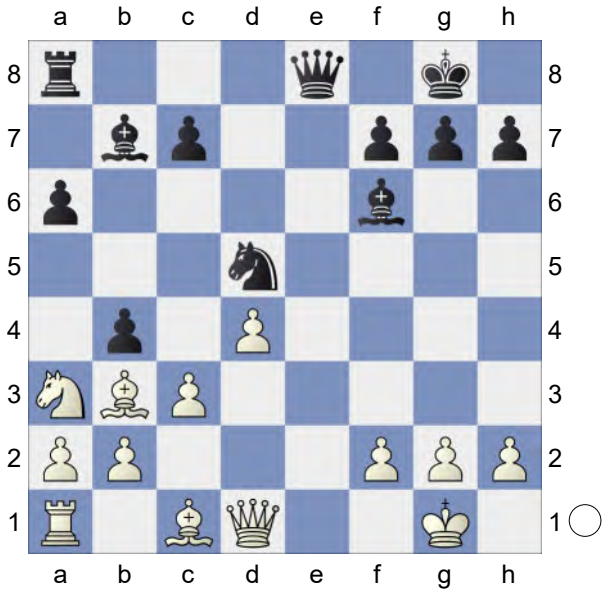
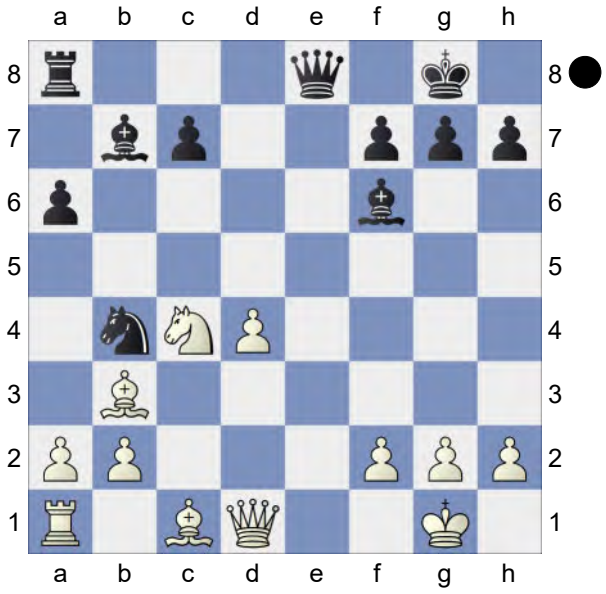
15...b4



16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Nc4



Bxd4! Deflection, Back Rank **18.Be3 Qe4 19.Qf1 Bf6 20.Rd1 Nd5**

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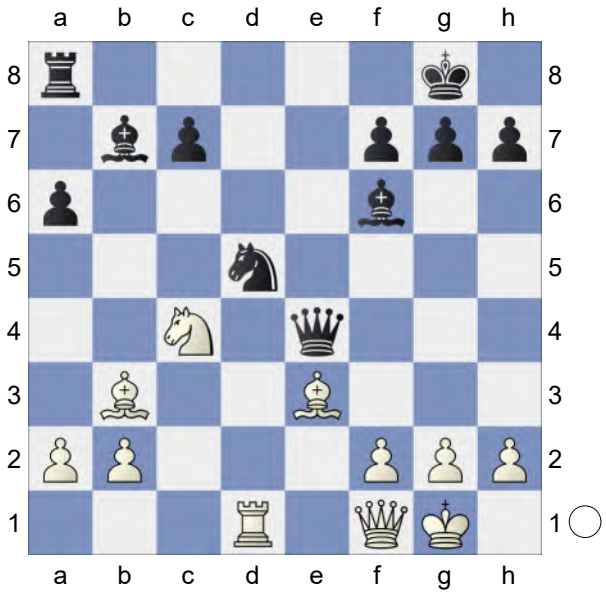
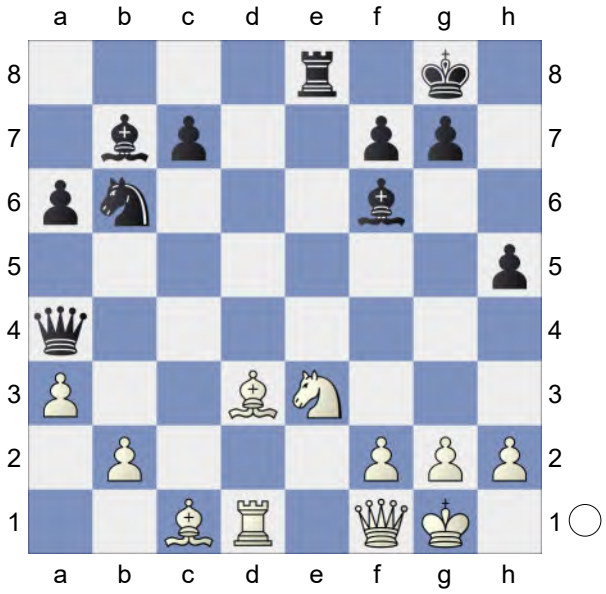


21.Bc1 Re8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Bd3 Qa4 25.a3 h5



26.Nc4 Bd5 Prevents b3. **27.Ne3 Bb7 28.h3 g6 29.Nc4 Bc8 30.Nd2 Bb7**

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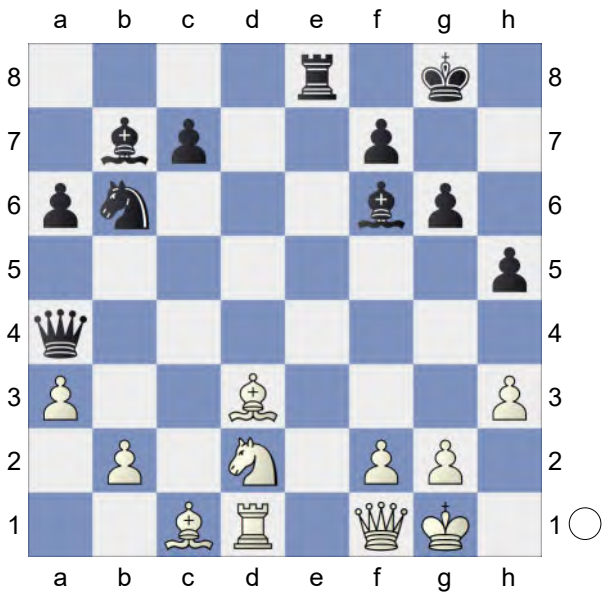
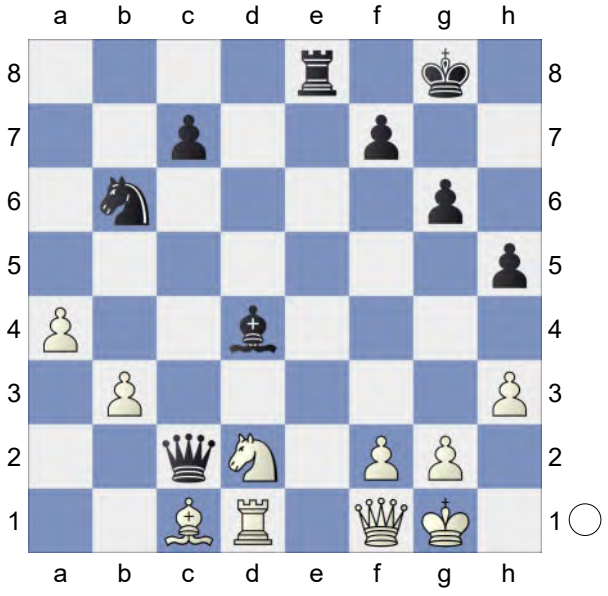
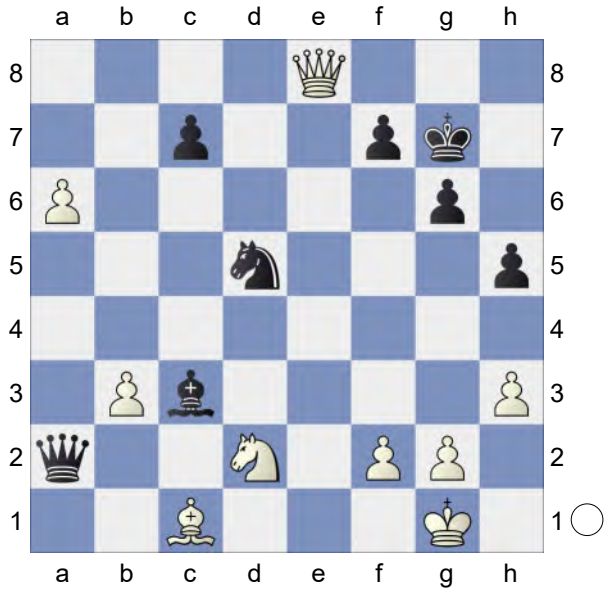


31.b3 Qc6 32.a4 Qc3 33.Bxa6 Bxa6 34.Qxa6 Bd4 0.61/22
[34...Rd8= 0.18/22]
35.Qf1 0.01/24
[35.Nf3± 0.61/22 Bxf2+ Decoy *(35...Qxb3? perishes. 36.Rxd4 c5 37.Rd6+-)* 36.Kxf2 Qc2+ *(36...Qxb3? 37.Rd4+-)* 37.Rd2 Qxc1 38.Qb5]
35...Qc2=

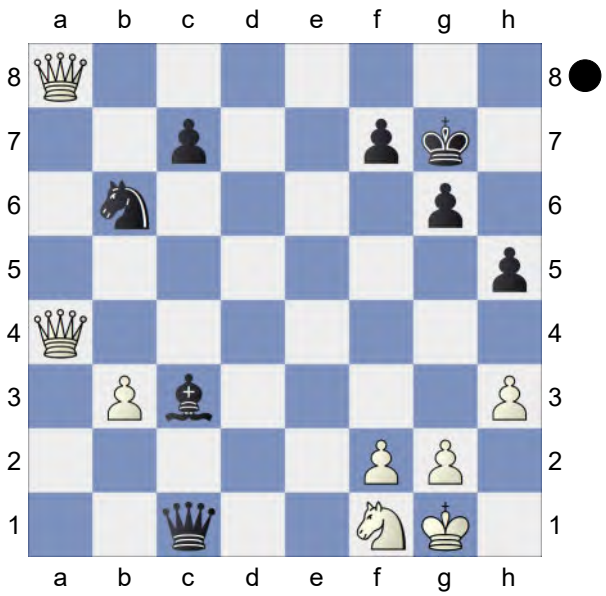


36.a5 Nf3! would now be deadly.
36...Nd5 0.96/24
[36...Bxf2+!= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 37.Kxf2 Qc5+ 38.Kg3 Qe5+ 39.Kh4 Qe7+ 40.Kg3 Qe5+ 41.Kh4= Qe7+ 42.Kg3 Qd6+ *(42...Qe5+ 43.Kh4=)* 43.Kf3 Qf6+ 44.Kg3 Qd6+ 45.Kf2 Qc5+ 46.Kg3 Qe5+]
37.Re1!± Rxe1 38.Qxe1 Bc3 39.a6 a7 is the strong threat. **39...Qa2?** 2.29/21
[39...Kg7± 0.73/20 is a better defense.]
40.Qe8++- Kg7

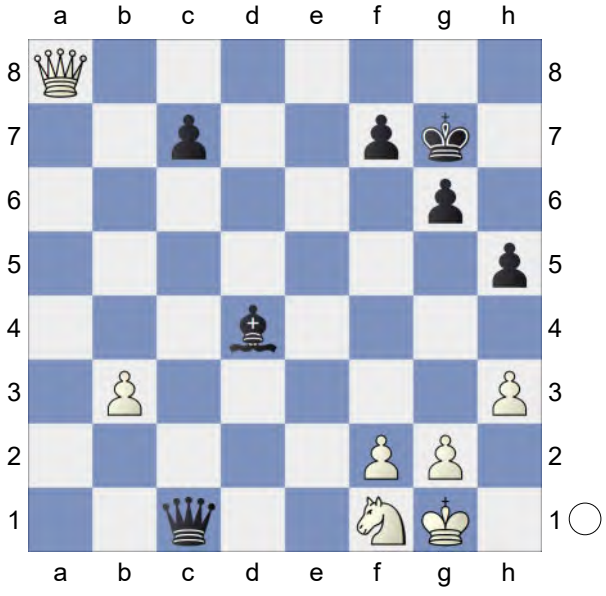


41.Qa4? -0.62/20
[Better is 41.Qb5!+- 2.13/23 Bxd2 42.Qe2]
41...Qc2∓ 42.a7 Qxc1+ 43.Nf1 Nb6 44.a8Q

(Diagram)



aiming for Qa3. **44...Nxa8** -0.04/20
[Reject 44...Nxa4 45.Qxa4 Qb2 46.Qf4=]
[44...Qb2!∓ -0.91/26 45.Q8c6 Nxa4 46.bxa4 Bd4]
45.Qxa8∓ Endgame. KQB-KQN. The position is equal. **45...Bd4**



46.Qf3 Qc2 47.g4 h4 48.Kg2 Kf8 49.Qf4 Qc6+ 50.Kg1 Qc3

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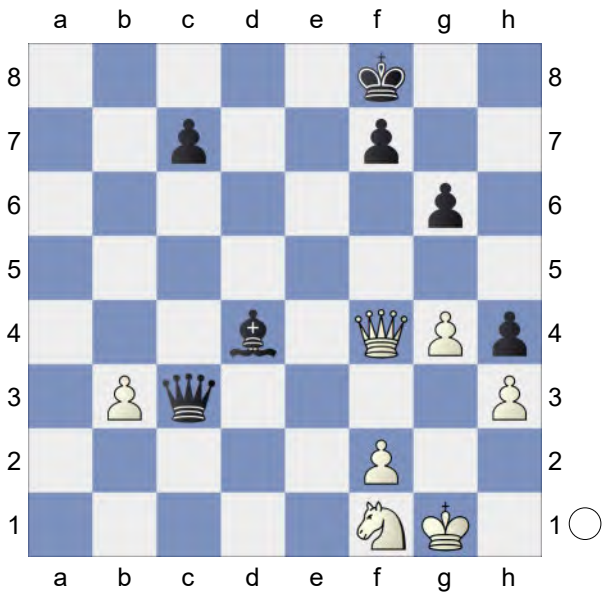
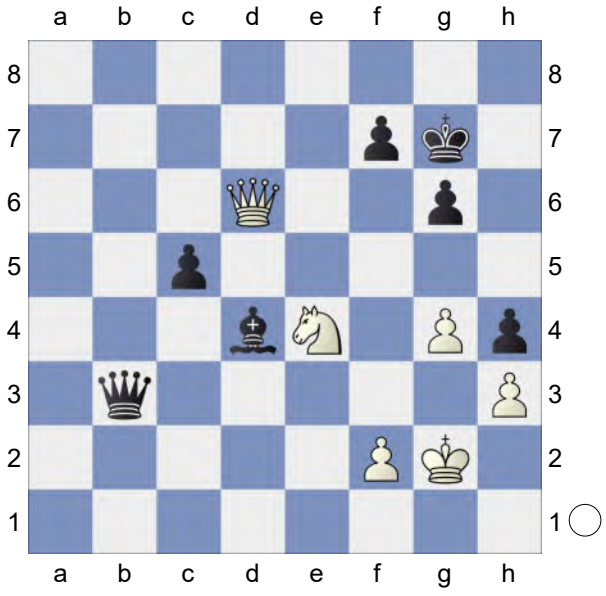


51.Kg2 c5 52.Nd2 Qc2 53.Ne4 Qxb3 Strongly threatening ...Qd5. **54.Qd6+ Kg7**



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46 **C89**
□ **odonata-bot** **2724**
■ **Fipsi_x** **3059**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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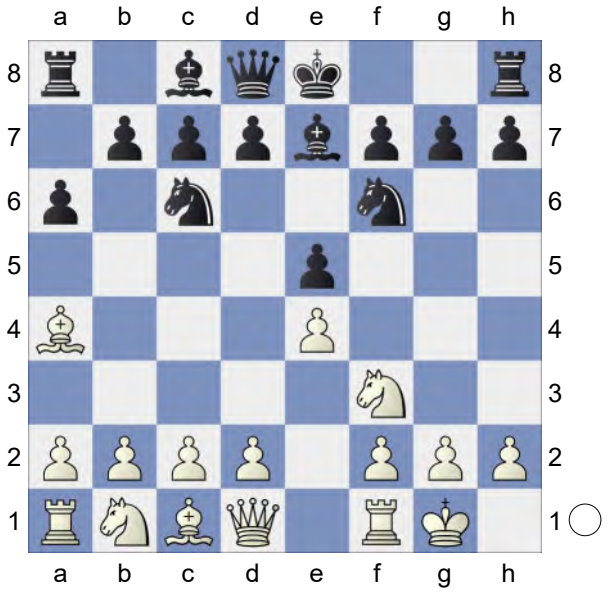

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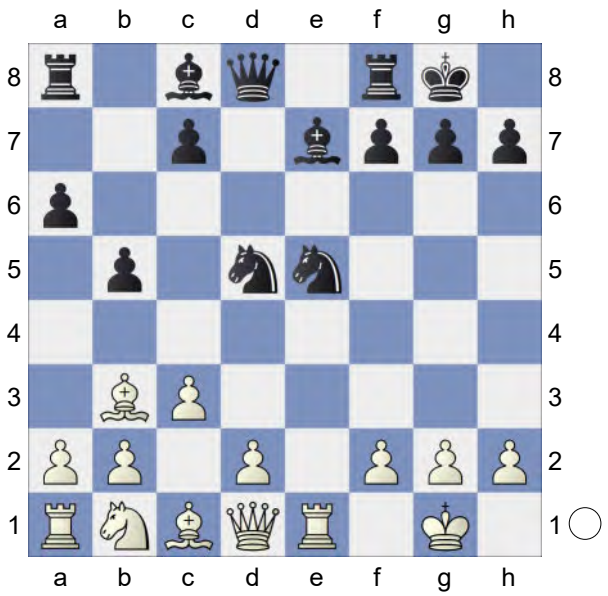

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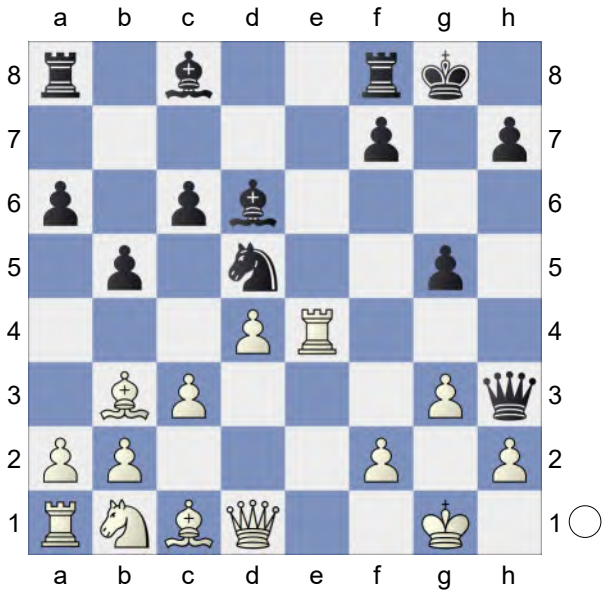


16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
[16.Nd2 is interesting. f5 17.Re5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 h6 19.Nf3]
16...Qxf1+ 17.Kxf1 Bf5 18.Nd2
White has an edge. **18...a5N**
[18...Rad8 19.f3 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Nc7 21.a4 *(21.Nf3 h6 22.Be3 Kg7 23.Kf2 Rfe8 24.Bc2 a5 25.a4 b4 26.Nd2 f5 27.exf5 Nd5 28.Ne4 Nf6 29.Nxf6 Kxf6 30.Rh1 c5 31.dxc5 Bxc5 32.Bxc5 Rd2+ 33.Kf3 Rxc2 34.g4 Rxb2 35.Bd4+ Kf7* Hamoushi, M (2592)-Lemos,J (2522) Mexico City 2007 Telechess CBM 89 [Kilgour, SCC56 p33] ½-½ (40) *)* 21...h6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.h4 gxh4 24.e5 Be7 25.gxh4 Kg7 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ne4 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Nxa8 29.Ng3 Bf8 30.Nf5+ Kh8 31.Bxh6 Bxh6 32.Nxh6 Kg7 33.Nxf7 Kaiser,W (2667)-Mcainsh,T (2639) Toulon 2006 CBM 131 [Michalczak] ½-½ (71) Nc7 34.Nd6 Kf8 35.Nf5 Nd5 36.e6 Rd8 37.h5 Ne7 38.Ng3 c5 39.Ne2 cxd4 40.cxd4 Nf5 41.h6 Ke7 42.d5 Rh8

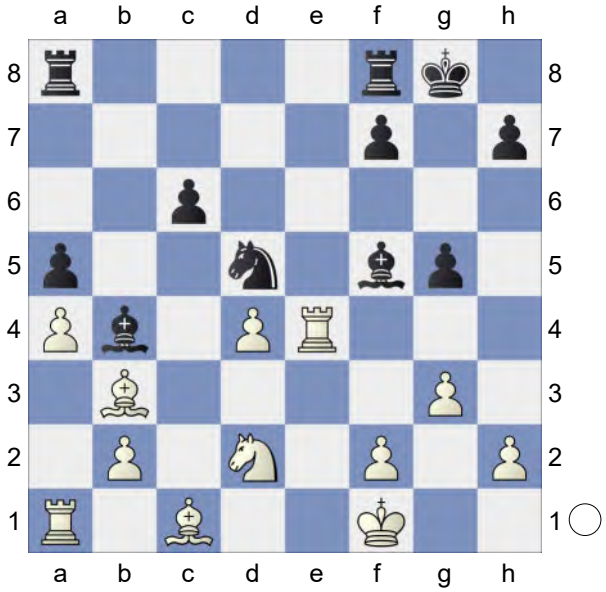
43.Kf3 Rxh6 44.Bc2 Nd6 45.Ke3 Rh3+ 46.Kd4 Rh4+ 47.Kc3 Kf6 48.Kb3 Shirov,A (2685)-Kasparov,G (2785) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Shirov,Alexei] ½-½ (71) Ke5 49.Nc3 Rd4 50.Bg6 Kf6 51.Bc2 Ke7 52.Bg6 Kd8 53.Bh5 b4 54.Na2 Rxd5 55.Bf7 Nxf7 56.exf7 Rf5 57.Kxb4 Rxf7 58.Nc3 Kc7 59.Kc4 Kd6 60.b4 Rf4+ 61.Kb3 Rh4 62.Nb5+ Ke5 63.Nc3 Jakovenko,D (2667)-Zhang,Z (2639) Ergun 2006 CBM 118 [Postny,Evgeny] ½-½ (71)]

[18...h6 19.Re1 Rae8 20.Nf3 g4 21.Bxh6 gxf3 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Bd1 Bh3+ 24.Kg1 Bg2 25.a4 Kh8 26.Re4 b4 27.c4 Nf4 28.gxf4 Rg8 29.c5 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3 (2665)-Skalusevic,L (2603) Hastings 2005 Telechess CBM 89 [CCYB 11\19]]

19.a4 b4

[19...Bxe4? 20.Nxe4 Be7 21.axb5± *(21.Nxg5 b4±; 21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 b4±)*]

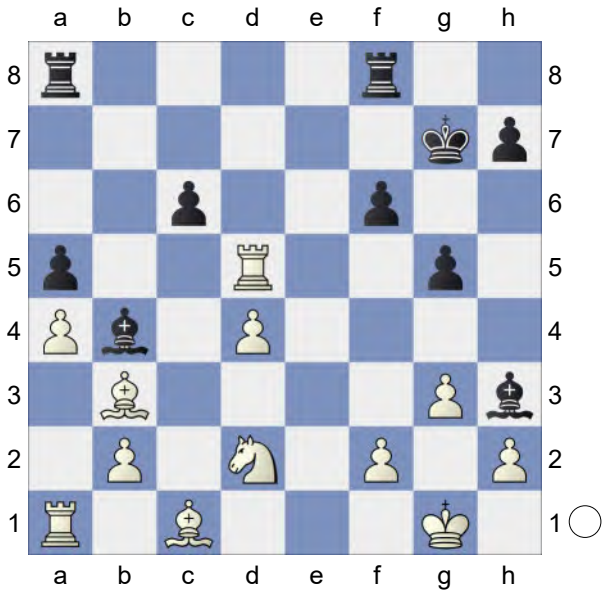
20.cxb4 Bxb4



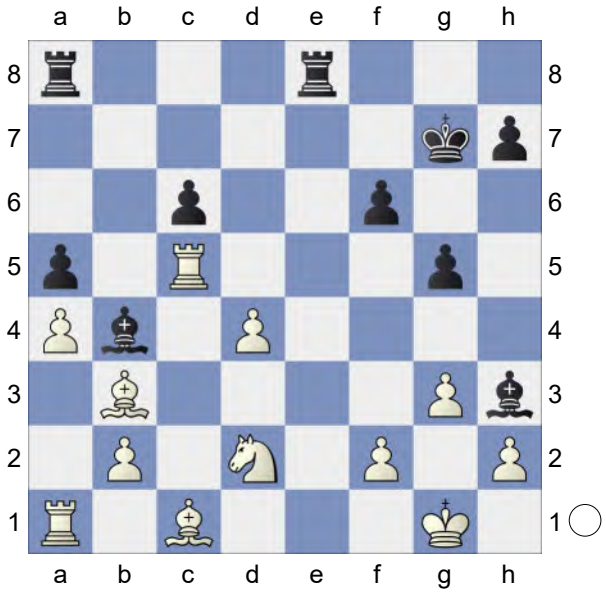
21.Re5 Bh3+ 22.Kg1 f6! 23.Rxd5

[23.Bxd5+ cxd5 24.Re3 *(24.Rxd5? Rfe8-+)* 24...Rfc8∓]

23...Kg7!



24.Rc5 -0.09/24 **Rfe8!=**



(-> ...Re1+) **25.Rxg5+! fxg5**

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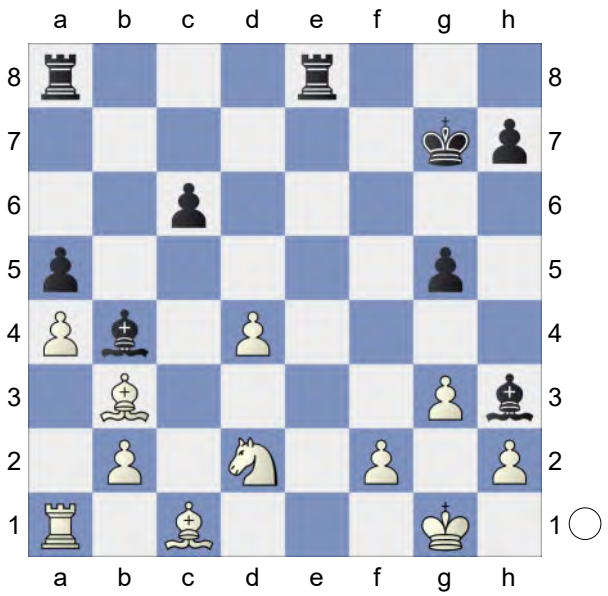
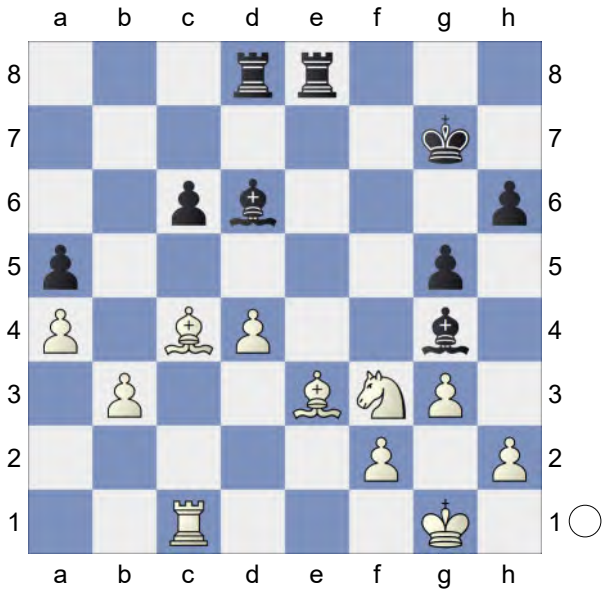


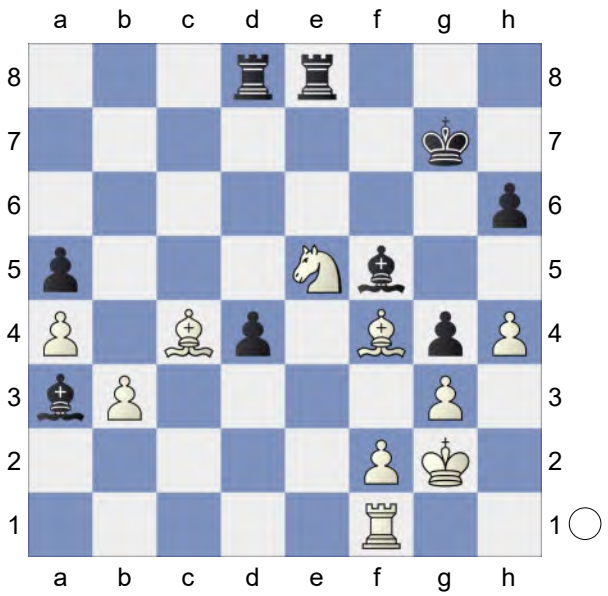
26.Nf3 Prevents Re1+. **26...h6 27.Bc4 Rab8 28.Be3 Bd6** Prevents Ne5. **29.b3 Rbd8 30.Rc1 Bg4** 0.39/21

[30...Ba3= 0.04/23 31.Re1 c5]



31.Kg2± Ba3 32.Rf1 Bf5! 33.h4 g4 34.Ne5 c5! 35.Bf4 cxd4

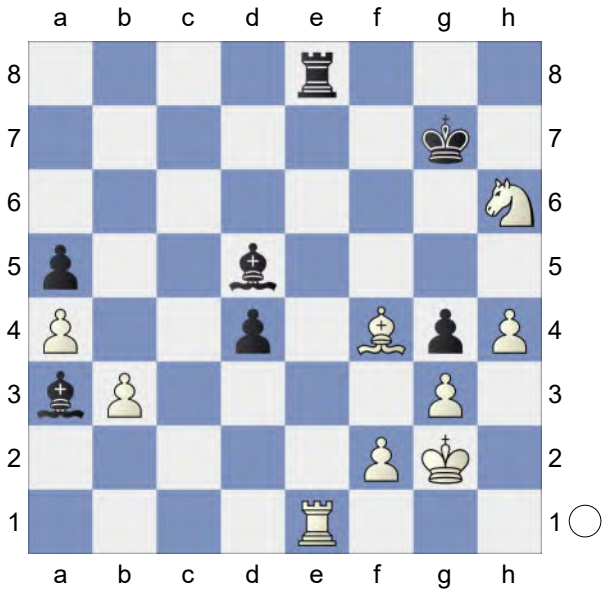
(Diagram)



36.Nf7! Rc8 37.Nxh6 Bd7 38.Bb5 The board is on fire. **38...Be6 39.Bxe8 Rxe8 40.Re1**

[40.Rd1!?]

40...Bd5+



Discovered Attack. A strong pair of Bishops. **41.Kf1**

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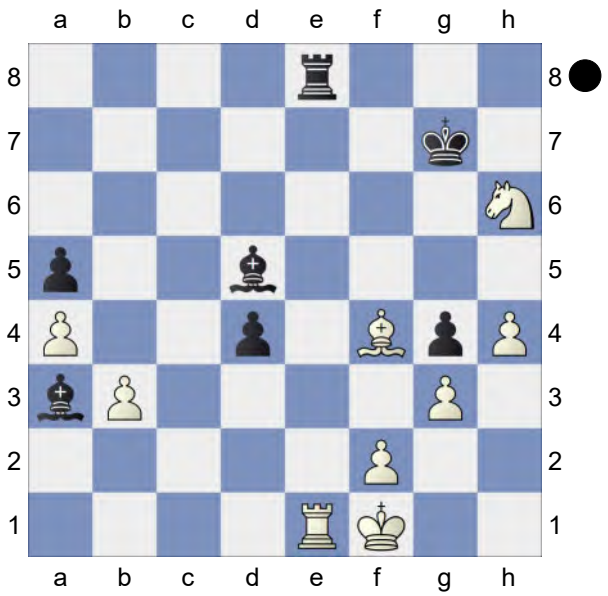
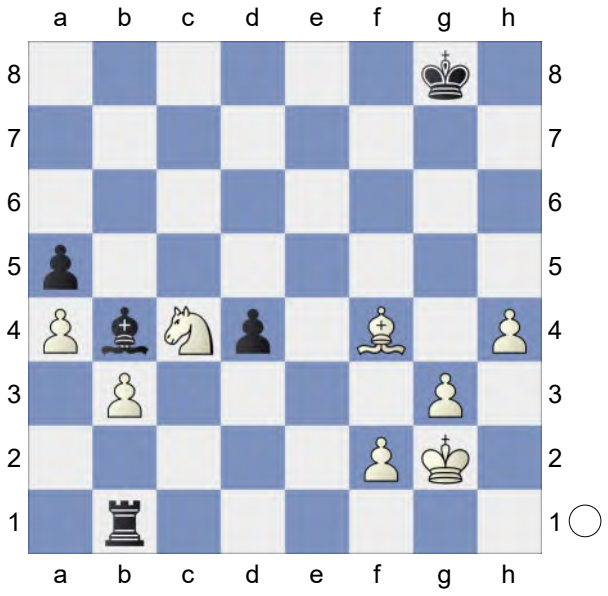
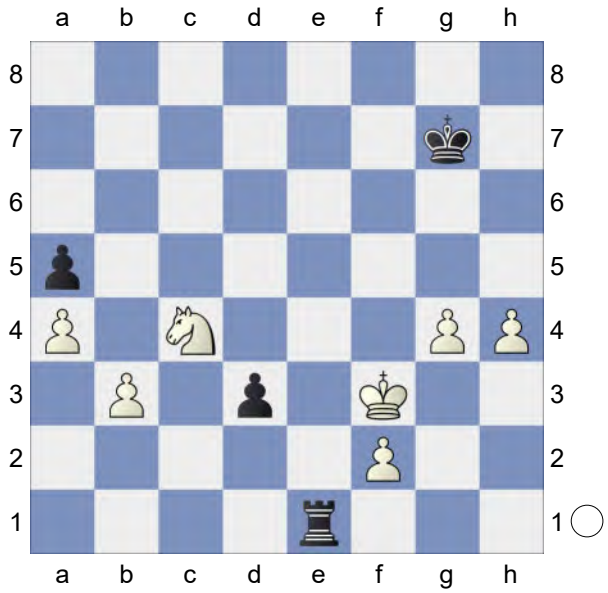


Bg2+! 42.Kxg2 Rxe1 43.Nxg4=
E n d g a m e K R B - K B N **43...Bb4**
Strongly threatening ...d3. **44.Ne5**
[44.Be5+ Kf8 45.Bxd4 Re4∓]
44...Rb1 45.Nc4 -0.30/23
[⌓45.Nf3 0.01/20]
45...Kg8

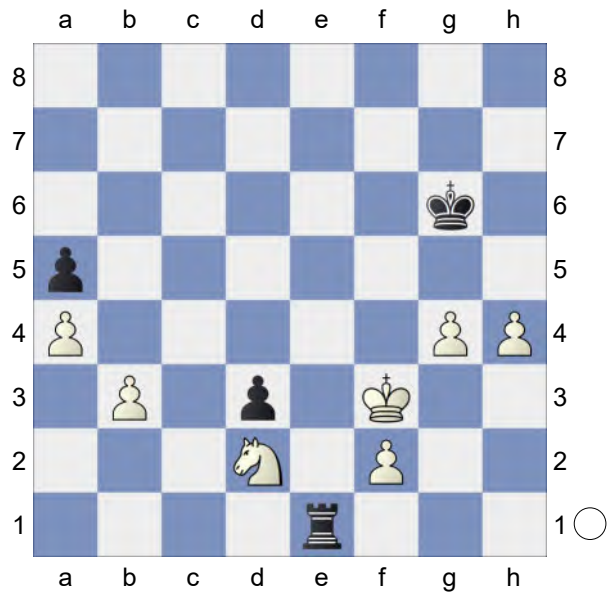


46.Bd2 -0.63/22
[46.Kf3!= -0.07/23]
46...Bxd2∓ 47.Nxd2 KR-KN **47...Rd1** -0.08/24
[47...Rb2∓ -0.47/26 48.Nc4 Rxb3]
48.Nc4= d3! 49.Kf3 Black must now prevent Ke3.
[49.Nxa5? Rc1 50.Nc4 Rxc4!-+]
49...Re1 50.g4
[50.Nxa5 d2 51.Kf4 d1Q 52.Nc6 Qc1+ 53.Kg4 Qxc6 54.f4 Qg6+ 55.Kf3 Qe6 56.g4 Qe2+ 57.Kg3 Rg1+ 58.Kh3 Qg2#]
50...Kg7

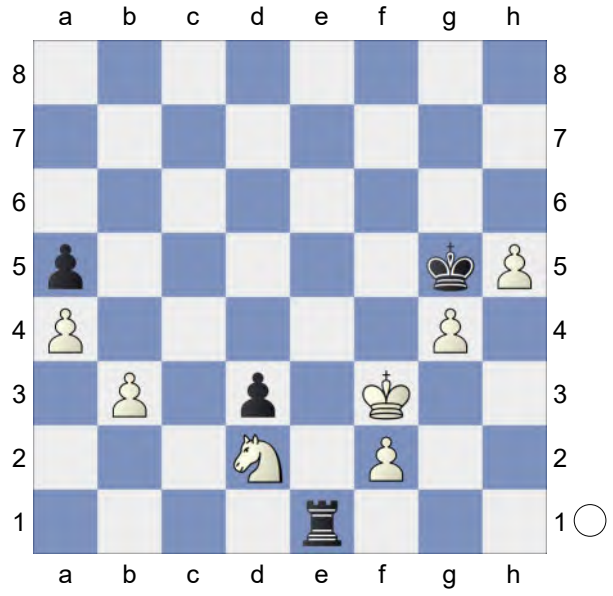


51.Nd2
[51.Nxa5 d2 52.Kg3 d1Q 53.Nc4 Rg1+ 54.Kf4 Rxg4+ 55.Ke3 Qxb3+ 56.Ke2 Rxc4 57.Ke1 Rc2 58.Kf1 Qh3+ 59.Kg1 Rc1#]
51...Re2 52.Nc4 Re8 53.Nd2
[53.Nxa5 d2 54.Kf4 d1Q 55.h5 Qd3 56.Nb7 Re4+ 57.Kg5 Qd2+ 58.Kh4 Qxf2+ 59.Kh3 Re3#]
53...Re1 54.Nc4 Kh6 55.Nd2
[55.Nxa5 d2 56.Kg3 d1Q 57.Nc4 Rg1+ 58.Kf4 Rxg4+ 59.Kf5 Qd7+ 60.Ke5 Qd4+ 61.Ke6 Rg6+ 62.Ke7 Qa7+ 63.Kf8 Rg7 64.f4 Qf7#]
55...Kg6

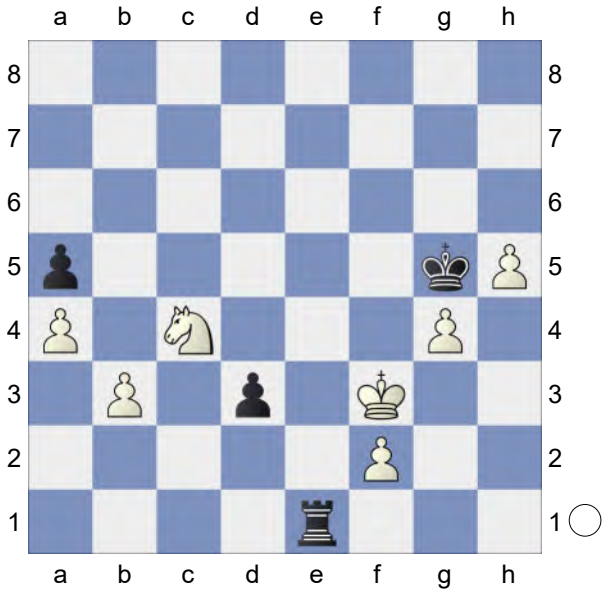
(Diagram)



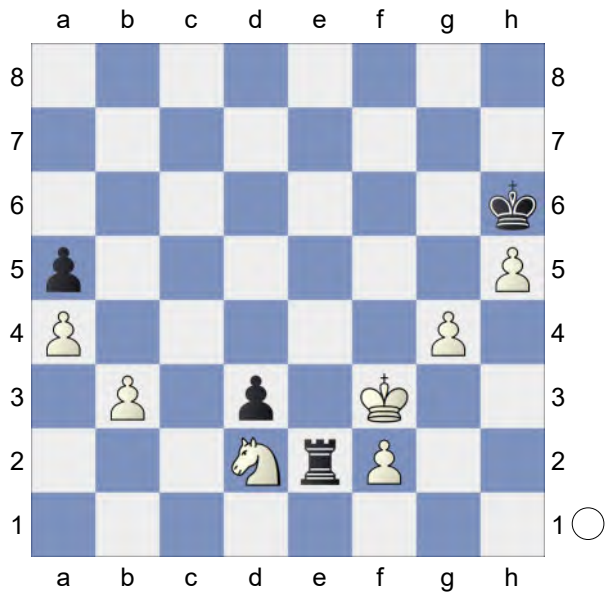
56.h5+ -0.47/32
[56.Nc4= -0.01/29]
56...Kh6 Black has compensation.
57.Nc4! Re6 58.Nd2 -0.48/31
[58.Nxa5 d2 59.Kg3 d1Q 60.Nc4 Qe1]
[58.Kg3= -0.01/33]
58...Re7 59.Nc4! Re1 60.Nd2
[60.Nxa5 d2 61.Kg3 d1Q 62.Nc4 Qd4 63.Ne3 Kg5 64.Ng2 Qxg4+ 65.Kh2 Re2 66.Kg1 Qf3 67.Kh2 Rxf2 68.Kh1 Qxg2#]
60...Kg5



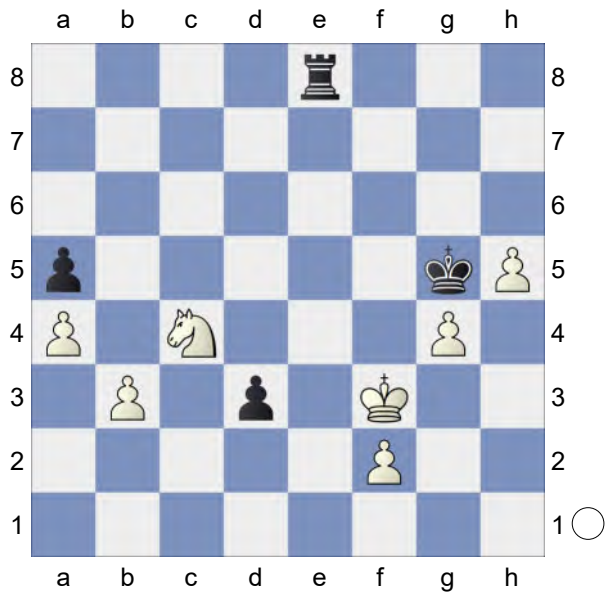
61.Nc4 Kh6 -0.01/31
[61...Re6∓ -0.47/31]
62.Nd2
[62.Nxa5 d2 63.Kg3 d1Q 64.Nc4 Qd4 65.Ne3 Kg5 66.Ng2 Qxg4+ 67.Kh2 Re2 68.Kg1 Qf3 69.Kh2 Rxf2 70.Kh1 Qxg2#]
62...Re5 -0.01/31
[62...Re8∓ -0.48/31]
63.Nc4! Re7 64.Nd2
[64.Nxa5 d2 65.Kg3 d1Q 66.Nc4 Qe1 67.Nd6 Re2 68.Nf7+ Kg7 69.h6+ Kxf7 70.g5 Qxf2+ 71.Kh3 Qf3+ 72.Kh4 Rh2#]
64...Re1 0.01/23
[64...Kg5∓ -0.48/30]
65.Nc4! Kg5



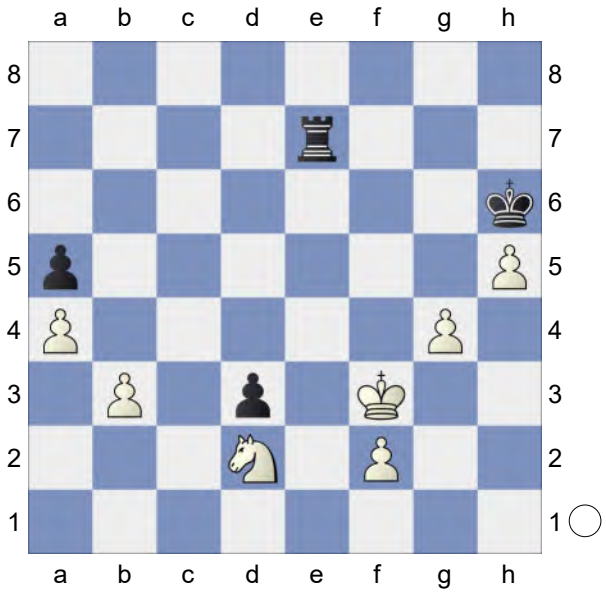
66.Nd2 Re6 -0.01/27
[66...Re8∓ -0.49/30]
67.Nc4! Re1 0.01/27
[67...Re8!∓ -0.47/27 should be considered.]
68.Nd2 Re8 69.Nc4 Kh6 -0.01/30
[69...Rb8∓ -0.48/28]
70.Nd2
[70.Nxa5 d2 71.Kg3 d1Q 72.Nc4 Qe1 73.Nd6 Re2]
70...Re2



71.Nc4! Re8 72.Nd2
[72.Nxa5 d2 73.Kg3 d1Q 74.Nc4 Rf8 75.f4 Qxb3+ 76.Kh4 Rxf4 77.Nd6 Qd5]
72...Re2 73.Nc4! Re7 74.Nd2
[74.Nxa5 d2 75.Kg3 d1Q 76.Nc4 Qe1 77.Nd6 Re2 78.Nf7+ Kg7 79.h6+ Kxf7 80.Kh4 Qxf2+ 81.Kh5 Qh2+ 82.Kg5 Re5#]
74...Re8 -0.01/30
[74...Kg5!∓ -0.48/30]
75.Nc4! Kg5

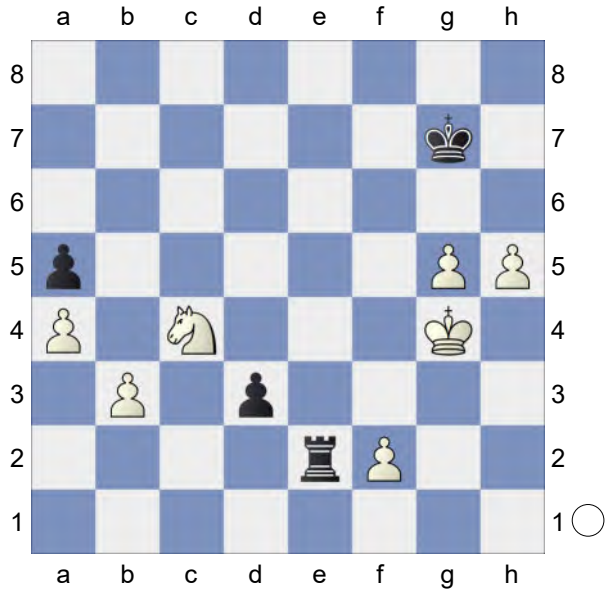


76.Nd2 -0.50/28
[76.Nxa5 d2 77.Kg3 d1Q 78.f4+ Kh6 79.Kh4 Qe1+ 80.Kh3 Re3+ 81.Kh2 Qg3+ 82.Kh1 Re1#]
[76.Kg3= -0.01/29]
76...Re1 -0.01/23
[76...Rf8+ 77.Ke3±]
[76...Kh4∓ -0.50/28]
77.Nc4 Re8 78.Nd2
[78.Nxa5 d2 79.Kg3 d1Q 80.f4+ Kh6 81.Kh4 Qe1+ 82.Kh3 Re3+ 83.Kh2 Qg3+ 84.Kh1 Re1#]
78...Re2 -0.01/27
[78...Rf8+ 79.Ke3±]
[78...Re7∓ -0.48/28]
79.Nc4 Re7 80.Nd2 -0.55/25
[80.Nxa5 d2 81.Kg3 d1Q 82.f4+ Kh6 83.Kh4 Qe1+ 84.Kh3 Re3+ 85.Kh2 Qg3+ 86.Kh1 Re1#]
[80.Kg3= -0.01/28]
80...Kh6 -0.01/24
[80...Rf7+ 81.Ke3=]
[80...Kh4!∓ -0.55/25]

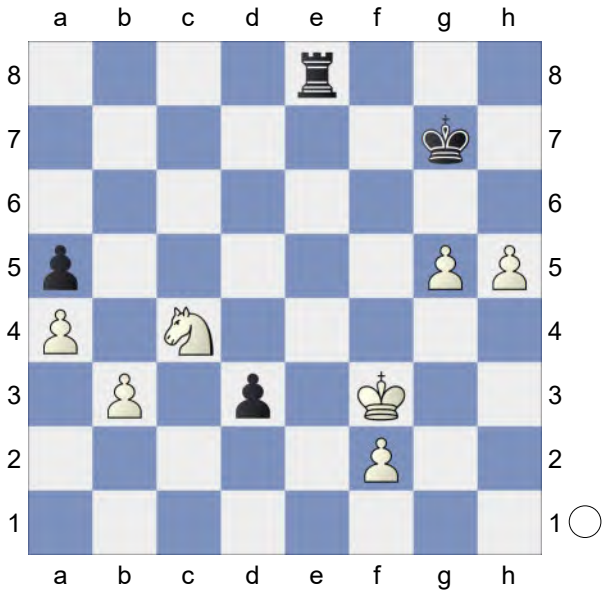


81.Nc4! Kg7 82.Nd2
[82.Nxa5 d2 83.Kf4 d1Q 84.Nc6 Re2 85.h6+ Kxh6 86.b4 Rxf2+ 87.Ke4 Re2+ 88.Kf4 Qf1+ 89.Kg3 Qf2+ 90.Kh3 Qh2#]

82...Re1 83.g5 -0.40/27
[83.Nc4!= -0.01/29
is more appropriate.]
83...Kh7 84.Nc4 Kg7 85.Kg4 Re2



86.Kf3
[86.Nxa5 d2 87.h6+ Kh7 88.Nc4 d1Q 89.Kf3 Re5+ 90.Kf4 Qd4+ 91.Kg3 Rxg5+ 92.Kf3 Rf5+ 93.Ke2 Rxf2+ 94.Ke1 Rc2]
86...Re7 87.Nd2 -0.40/29
[87.Nxa5 d2 88.Kg3 d1Q 89.Nc4 Qg1+ 90.Kf3 Qxg5 91.h6+ Qxh6 92.Ne3 Rf7+ 93.Ke2 Qh5+ 94.Kd2 Rxf2+ 95.Kd3 Qe5 96.Nd1 Qd5+ 97.Kc3 Rd2 98.Kb4 Rxd1 99.a5 Rd3 100.a6 Rxb3+ 101.Ka4 Qb5#]
[87.Kg4= -0.01/29]
87...Re8 -0.01/28
[87...Re5∓ -0.40/29]
88.Nc4 Re7 89.Nd2
[89.Nxa5 d2 90.Kg3 d1Q 91.Nc4 Qg1+ 92.Kf3 Qxg5 93.Ne3 Rf7+ 94.Ke4 Rxf2 95.Nc4 Qf5+ 96.Kd4 Rf3 97.Ne3 Qf4+ 98.Kd5 Rxe3 99.h6+ Kf7 100.Kc6 Rc3+ 101.Kb6 Qc7+ 102.Kb5 Rxb3+ 103.Ka6 Qb6#]
89...Re1 90.Nc4 Re8



91.Nd2 -0.40/28
[91.Nxa5 d2 92.Kg3 d1Q 93.h6+ Kg6 94.Nc4 Rf8 95.Ne5+ Kxg5 96.Kg2 Qe2]
[91.Kg3= -0.01/28]
91...Re5∓ 92.Nc4 Re1 0.01/28
[92...Rxg5∓ -0.40/27 93.Ke4 d2 94.h6+ Kxh6 95.Nxd2 Rg4+ 96.Kd5 Rh4]
93.Nd2 -0.32/25
[93.Kg4= 0.01/28 was preferrable.]
93...Kh7 0.01/26
[93...Kg8∓ -0.32/25]
94.h6 -0.89/30
[94.Nc4= 0.01/26]
94...Re7 -0.46/27
[94...Kg6∓ -0.89/30]
95.Nc4! Re1 -0.01/32
[95...Kg6∓ -0.39/34]

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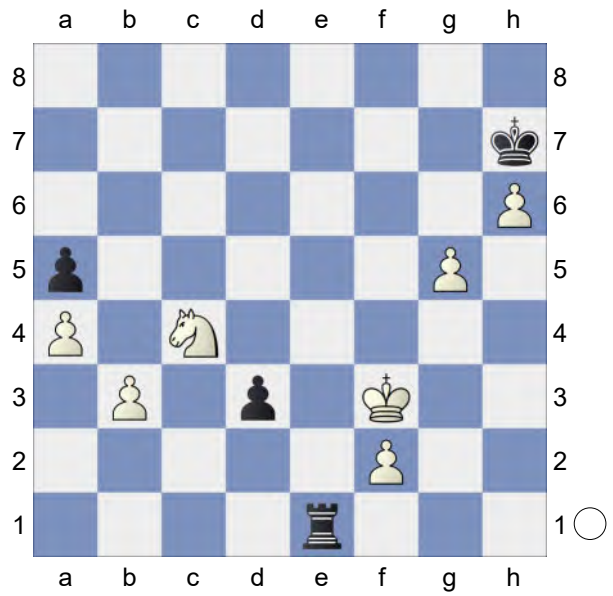

96.Nd2=
[96.Nxa5 d2 97.g6+ Kxg6 98.Kg3 d1Q 99.Nc4 Rg1+ 100.Kf4 Rg4+ 101.Ke3 Qxb3+ 102.Ke2 Rxc4 103.Ke1 Rc2 104.Kf1 Qh3+ 105.Kg1 Rc1#]
96...Re2 -0.41/28
[96...Re6∓ -1.03/32]
97.Nc4∓ Re8 98.Kg4!
[98.Nxa5 d2 99.Kg3 d1Q 100.g6+ Kxg6 101.Nc4 Rf8 102.f4 Qxb3+ 103.Kh2 Qxc4 104.Kg3 Qxf4+ 105.Kg2 Qh4 106.Kg1 Qg3+ 107.Kh1 Rf1#]
98...Re4+ 99.Kf3! Re8 100.Kf4 -0.75/32
[100.Nxa5 d2 101.g6+ Kxg6 102.Kg3 d1Q 103.Nc4 Rf8 104.f4 Qxb3+ 105.Kg2 Qxc4 106.Kh1 Rxf4 107.Kh2 Qc2+ 108.Kh3 Rf3+ 109.Kh4 Qxa4#]
[100.Kg4!= 0.01/28 remains equal.]
100...Re6 -0.07/31
[100...Kg6∓ -0.75/32]

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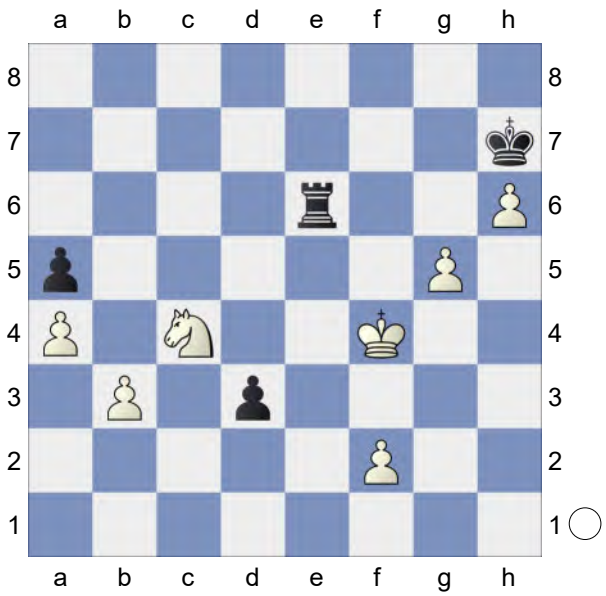
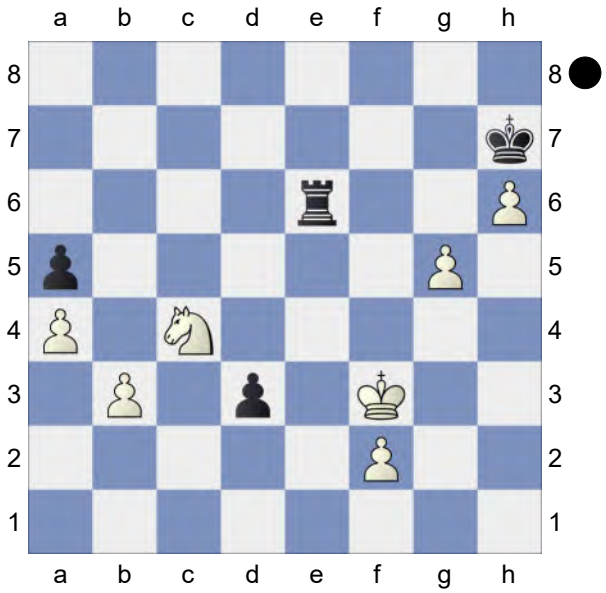


101.Kf3 -0.86/32
[101.Nxa5 d2 102.Kg3 d1Q 103.Nc4 Qe1 104.Kf3 Re2 105.Ne3 Qxf2+ 106.Ke4 Qxe3+ 107.Kd5 Rc2 108.Kd6 Qd4+ 109.Ke6 Re2+ 110.Kf5 Qe4+ 111.Kf6 Qg6#]
[101.Kg3= -0.07/31]



101...Re7 -0.01/28
[101...Kg6!∓ -0.86/32]
102.Kg4=
[102.Nxa5 d2 103.Kg3 d1Q 104.g6+ Kxh6 105.Nc4 Qe1

106.Nd6 Qg1+ 107.Kf4 Qxf2+ 108.Kg4 Kxg6 109.b4 Re3]

102...Rd7 103.Nd2

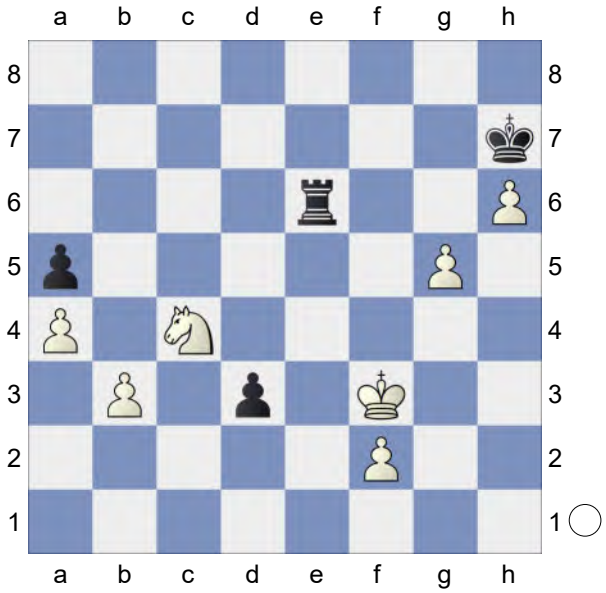
[103.Nxa5 d2 104.Nc4 d1Q+ 105.Kf4 Qxb3 106.Ne3 Rf7+ 107.Kg3 Qxa4 108.Ng2 Qb3+ 109.Ne3 Qb8+ 110.Kg2 Qf4 111.Nd1 Qf3+ 112.Kf1 Rd7 113.Ne3 Rd2 114.g6+ Kxg6 115.Kg1 Qxf2+ 116.Kh1 Qh2#]

103...Re7 Threatens to win with ...Re2.

104.Nc4! Re2 105.Kf3!

[105.Nxa5 d2 106.Kf5 d1Q 107.g6+ Kxh6 108.Nc4 Qd5+ 109.Kf4 Rxf2+ 110.Ke3 Rf3+ 111.Ke2 Qd3+ 112.Ke1 Rf1#]

105...Re6



106.Nd2 -0.37/29

[106.Nxa5 d2 107.Nc4 d1Q+ 108.Kg3 Qg1+ 109.Kf3 Qxg5 110.Ne3 Qh5+ 111.Kg3 Rg6+ 112.Kf4 Rf6+ 113.Ke4 Rxf2 114.Kd3 Qe5 115.Kc4 Qxe3 116.Kd5 Rf5+ 117.Kd6 Qc5+ 118.Ke6 Qd5+ 119.Ke7 Rf7+ 120.Ke8 Qd7#]

[106.Kg4!= -0.01/27]

106...Re1 107.Nc4! Re6 108.Kf4 -0.40/26

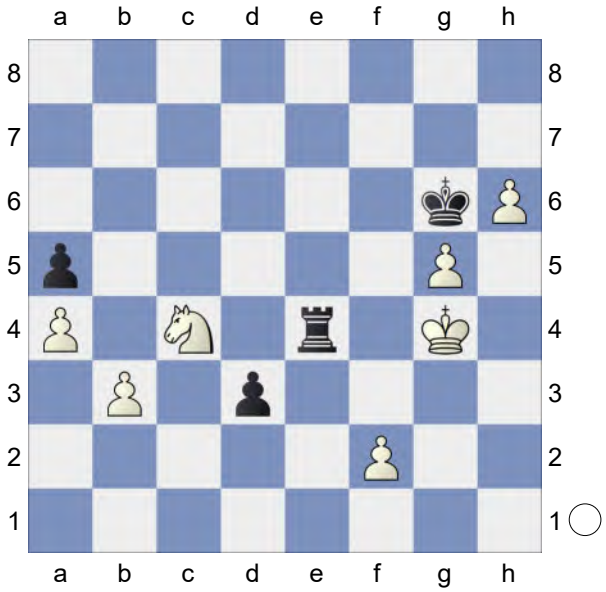
[108.Nxa5 d2 109.Nc4 d1Q+ 110.Kg3 Qg1+ 111.Kf3 Qxg5 112.Ne3 Qh5+ 113.Kg3 Rg6+ 114.Kf4 Rf6+ 115.Ke4 Rxf2 116.a5 Qg6+ 117.Kd4 Qd6+ 118.Kc3 Rf3 119.a6 Rxe3+ 120.Kc4 Re4+ 121.Kc3 Qd4+ 122.Kc2 Re2+ 123.Kc1 Qg1#]

[108.Nd2= 0.01/28]

108...Re1 -0.01/25

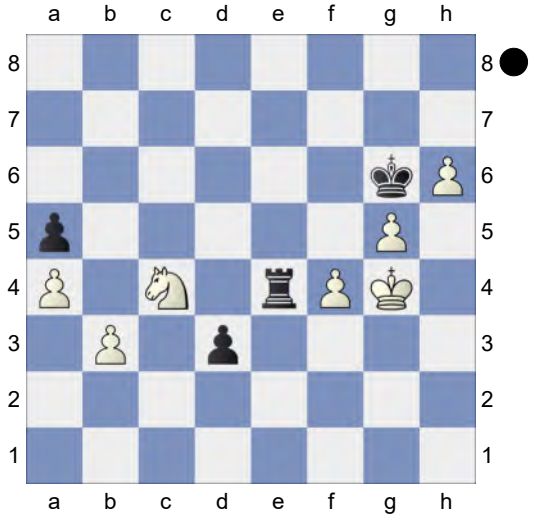
[108...Kg6!∓ -0.40/26]

109.Kf3 Kg6 110.Kg4 Re4+



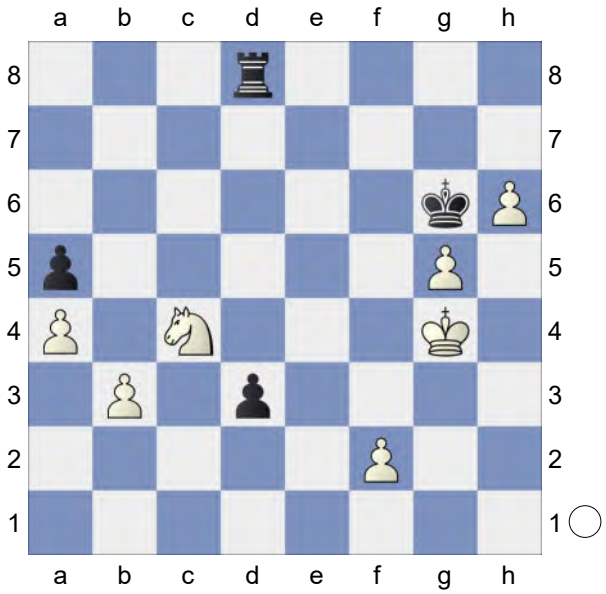
111.Kf3!

[111.f4

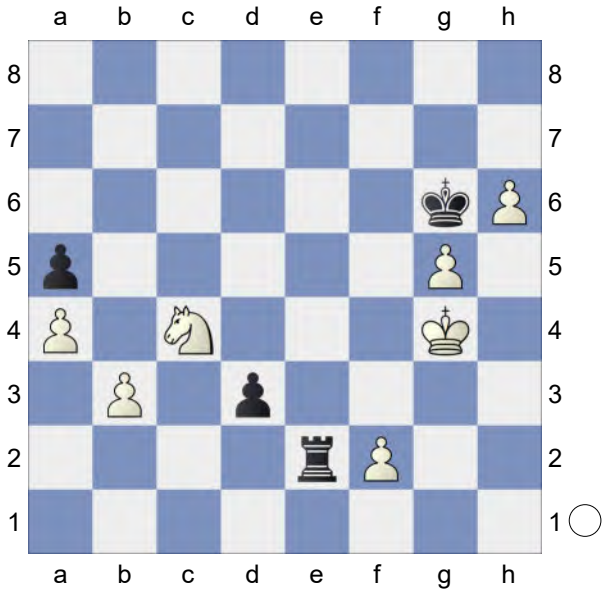


Rxc4! 112.Kf3 Rd4 113.f5+ Kxg5-+]

111...Re6 112.Kg4
[112.Nxa5 d2 113.Kg3 d1Q 114.Nc4 Kxg5 115.Ne3 Qe2 116.Ng2 Qg4+ 117.Kh2 Re2 118.Kg1 Qf3 119.Kh2 Rxf2 120.h7 Qxg2#]
112...Re2 113.Kf3 Re1 114.Kf4 Re8 115.Kg4!
[115.Nxa5 d2 116.Nc4 Rf8+ 117.Ke4 d1Q 118.f4 Qc2+ 119.Kd4 Rxf4+ 120.Kc5 Qxb3 121.Nb6 Qc3+ 122.Kd6 Rd4+ 123.Nd5 Qc4 124.a5 Rxd5+ 125.Ke7 Qf4 126.Ke8 Qf7#]
115...Rd8!



116.Nd2 Rc8 117.Kf4 Re8 aiming for ...Re2. **118.Nc4! Re1** 0.01/26
[118...Re7!∓ -0.32/28 is superior.]
119.Kf3 -0.39/27
[119.Kg4!= 0.01/26]
119...Re8 0.01/31
[119...Kxg5∓ -0.39/27 deserves consideration. 120.h7 Re8]
120.Kg4
[120.Nxa5 d2 121.Kg3 d1Q 122.Nc4 Qxb3+ 123.Ne3 Qxa4 124.h7 Kxg5 125.Kf3 Qe4+ 126.Ke2 Qxh7 127.Kf3 Qd3 128.Kg3 Qe2 129.Ng2 Qg4+ 130.Kh2 Rh8+ 131.Kg1 Qf3]
120...Re2



121.Kf3 Re7 122.Kf4 Re1 123.Kf3 -0.38/25
[123.Kg4= 0.01/29]
123...Re6 -0.01/29
[123...Kxg5∓ -0.38/25 124.h7 Re8]
124.Kf4
[124.Nxa5 d2 125.Kg3 d1Q 126.Nc4 Qxb3+ 127.Ne3 Kxg5 128.h7 Qb8+ 129.Kf3 Rf6+ 130.Kg2 Qb7+ 131.Kh2 Qxh7+ 132.Kg1 Qh4 133.Nd1 Qg4+ 134.Kf1 Qxd1+ 135.Kg2 Qf3+ 136.Kh2 Rh6+ 137.Kg1 Rh1#]
124...Re7 125.Kg4!
[125.Nxa5? d2 126.Nc6 Rf7+ 127.Kg3 d1Q-+]
125...Rd7!

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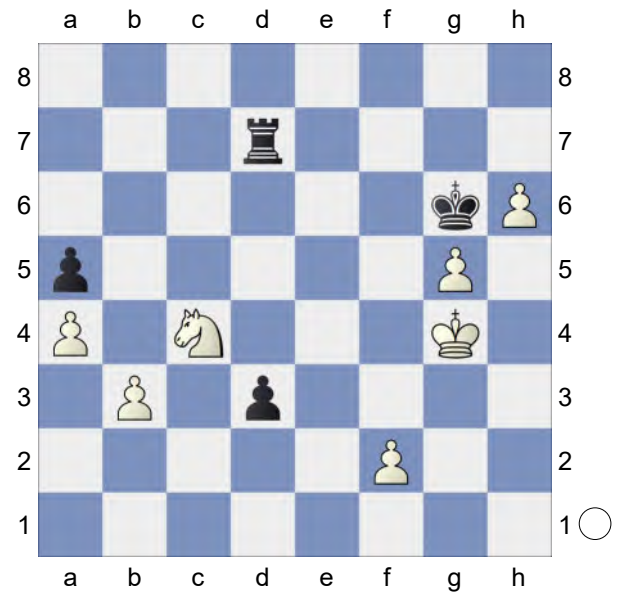

126.Nd2!
[126.Ne5+? Kh7 127.Nxd7 d2-+]
126...Rc7! And now ...Rc2 would win.
127.Kf4! Re7 -0.01/22
[127...Rf7+∓ -0.39/24 128.Ke3 Kxg5]
128.Nc4! Re6 129.Kf3 -0.37/25
[129.Nxa5? d2 130.Nc4 d1Q-+]
[129.f3? Re2 130.Kg3 d2 131.Nxd2 Rxd2-+]
[129.Kg4!= 0.01/25]
129...Kf7 -0.01/25
[129...Kxg5∓ -0.37/25 feels stronger. 130.h7 Re8]
130.Nd2 -0.35/24
[130.Nxa5 d2 131.Kg3 d1Q 132.Nc4 Qg1+ 133.Kf3 Qxg5 134.Ne3 Qh5+ 135.Kg3 Rg6+ 136.Kf4 Qh4+ 137.Ke5 Re6+ 138.Kd5 Qe4+ 139.Kc5 Re5+ 140.Kd6 Qd4+]
[130.Kg2= -0.01/25 might be stronger.]
130...Re1 -0.01/25
[130...Re5!∓ -0.35/24]

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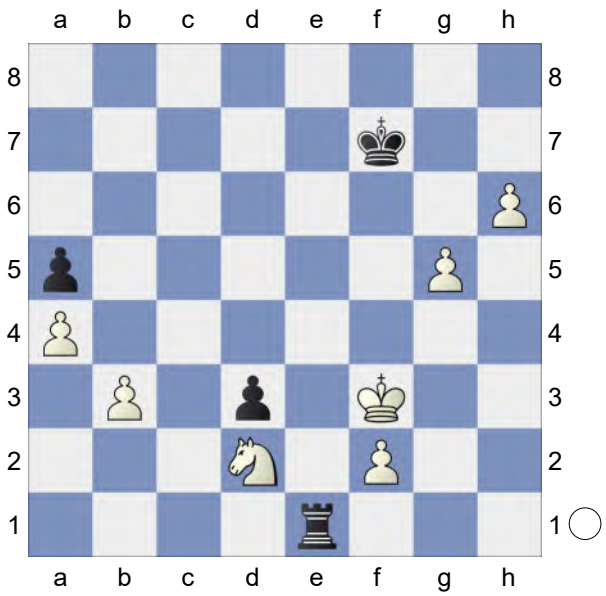

131.Nc4! The position is equal.
131...Re6 132.Kf4
[132.Nxa5 d2 133.Kg3 d1Q 134.Nc4 Qg1+ 135.Kf3 Qxg5 136.Ne3 Qh5+ 137.Kg3 Rg6+ 138.Kf4 Qh4+ 139.Ke5 Rxh6 140.Nc4 Rh5+ 141.Kd6 Qe7+ 142.Kc6 Rc5+ 143.Kb6 Qc7+ 144.Ka6 Rc6+ 145.Kb5 Qb7+ 146.Ka5 Rc5#]
132...Kg6 133.Kf3
[Don't blunder 133.Nxa5? d2 134.h7 Kxh7-+]
[Not 133.f3? Re2 134.Kg4 d2 135.Nxd2 Rg2+ 136.Kf4 Rxd2-+]
133...Re1

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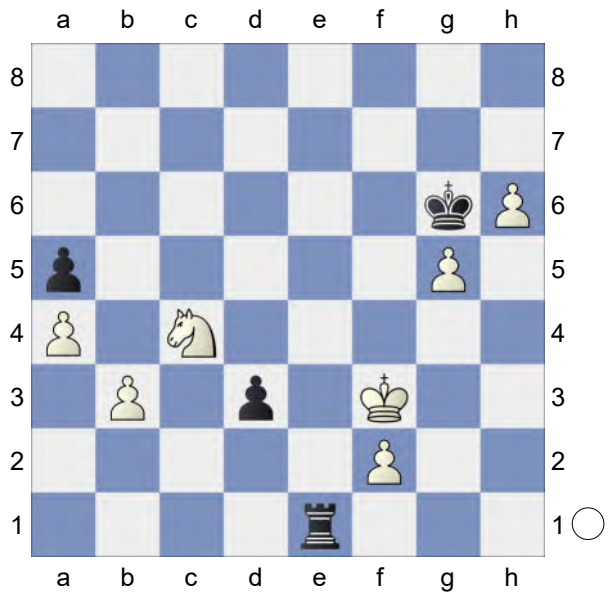

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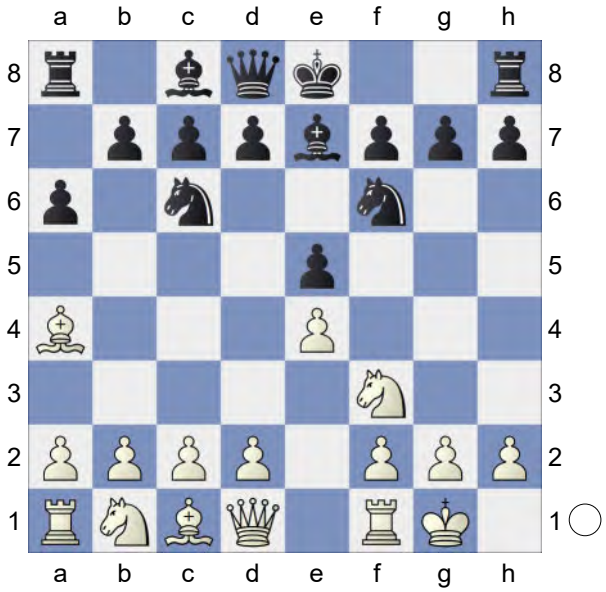
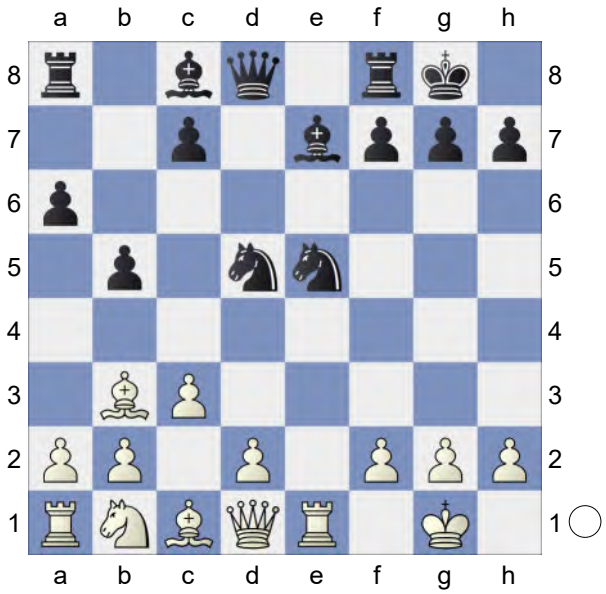
47 **C89**
□ **odonata-bot** **2735**
■ **BOT-Feline** **3021**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Inf 98/(255) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

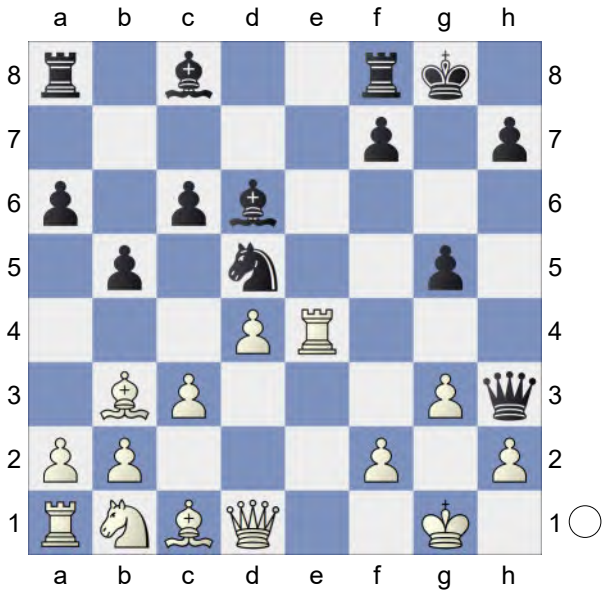


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4

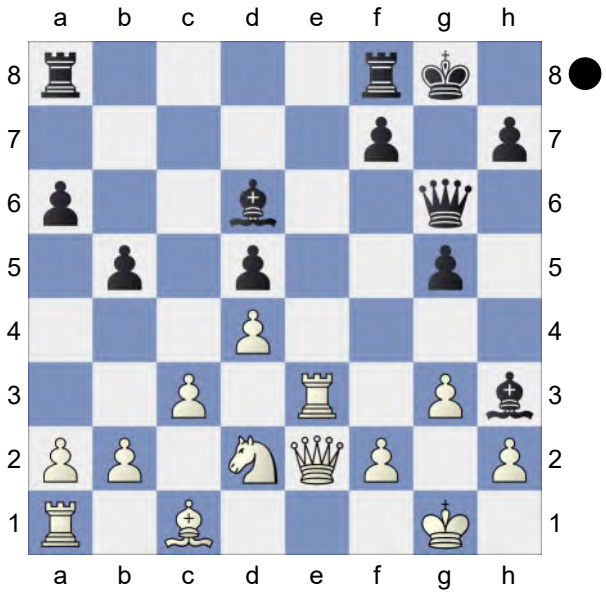
14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5



16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Re1 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5∓]
16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Bh3N
[17...Nf6 18.f3 Nxe4 19.fxe4 Bh3 20.Qf3 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 h6 22.Be3 Kg7 23.Nd2 f6 24.a4 Rfe8 25.Bc2 a5 26.c4 bxc4 27.Nxc4 Bb4 28.Rd1 Rad8 29.Kf2 Rf8 30.Bd2 Be6 31.Bxb4 axb4 32.b3 Perez Lopez,A (2363)-6. ♖e1 0-0 7.h3 e5 (2524) Reykjavik 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [Mitenkov,A] 0-1 (53)]
[17...Bf5 18.f3 Nf6 *(18...Rae8 19.Bd1 Qg6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.fxe4 Qxe4 23.Bxg5 Ne3 24.Qf3 Nxd1 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxd1 Kg7 27.Kf2 f6 28.Kf3 Re6 29.Be3 Kg6 30.b3 h5 31.c4 Be7 32.d5 cxd5 33.cxd5* Ernst,T (2286)-Falkevall,A (2299) Vaxjo 2023 0-1 (40) *)* 19.a4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qg6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxg5 Rfe8 23.Re1 Qg6 24.Be7 Ra7 25.Bc5 Raa8 26.Be7 Ra7 27.Bc5 ½-½ (27) Shirov, A (2720)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow 2006 CI1-130 [RR]]

[17...f5 18.Bd1 Qh6 19.Re1 f4 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.f3 Bh3 22.Qf2 g4 23.fxg4 Qg6 24.Qc2 Rae8 25.Bd2 Ne3 26.Bxe3 fxe3 27.Nc5 Qh6 28.Ne4 Qg6 29.Nc5 Qg5 30.Qd3 Rf2 31.Bc2 Re7 32.Ne4 Negi,P (2535)-Kosteniuk,A (2530) Chapter 9 2006 [Stockfish 6 64 POPCNT (10s)] 1-0 (47)]

18.Qe2 White is slightly better. **18...Qg6**
19.Bxd5 -0.01/19
[Better is 19.Nf3!± 0.68/19]
19...cxd5= 20.Re3



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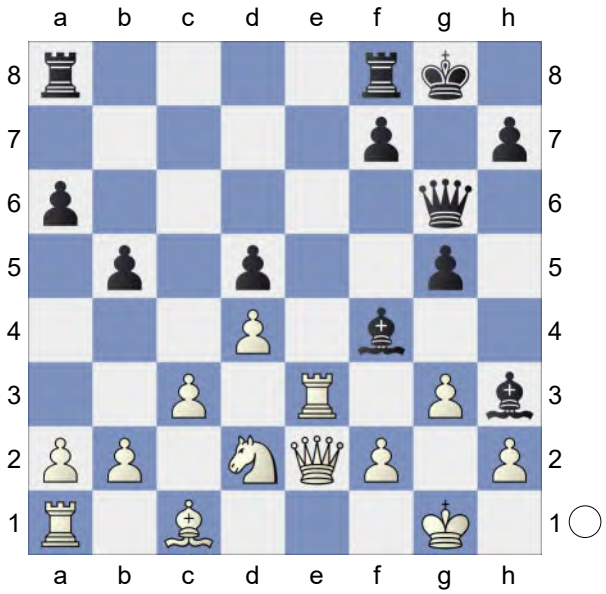
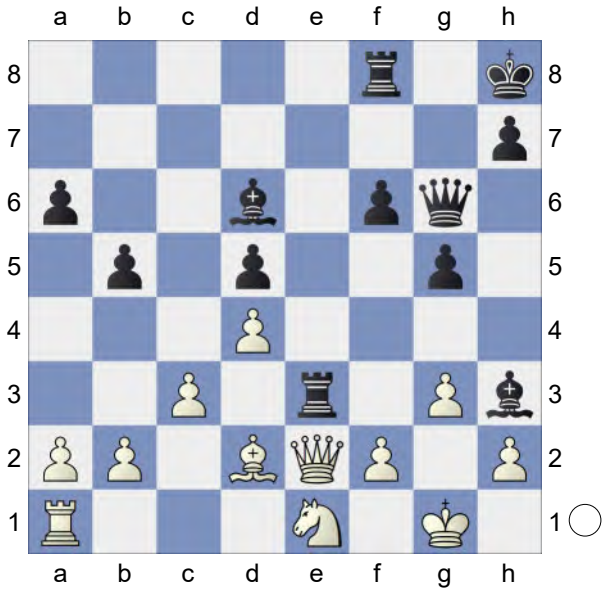


Black has counterplay **21.Re7 Bd6 22.Re3 Kh8 23.Nf3 f6** Against Ne5 **24.Bd2 Rae8 25.Ne1 Rxe3**



26.Qxe3 -0.78/20
[26.Bxe3= -0.19/21 Re8 27.a4]

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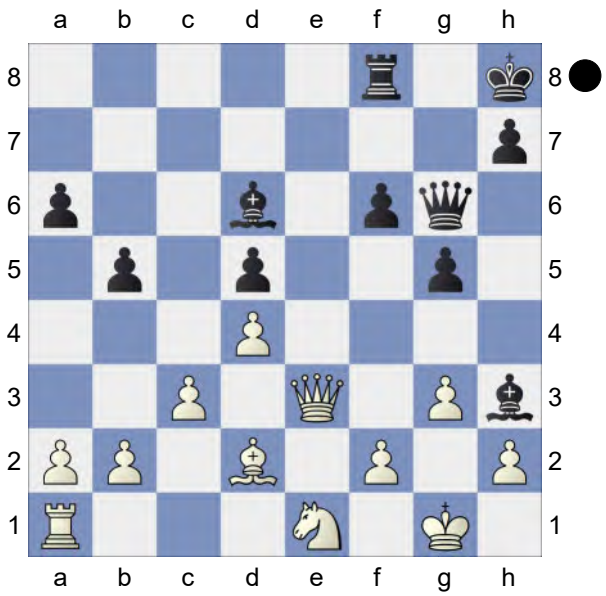
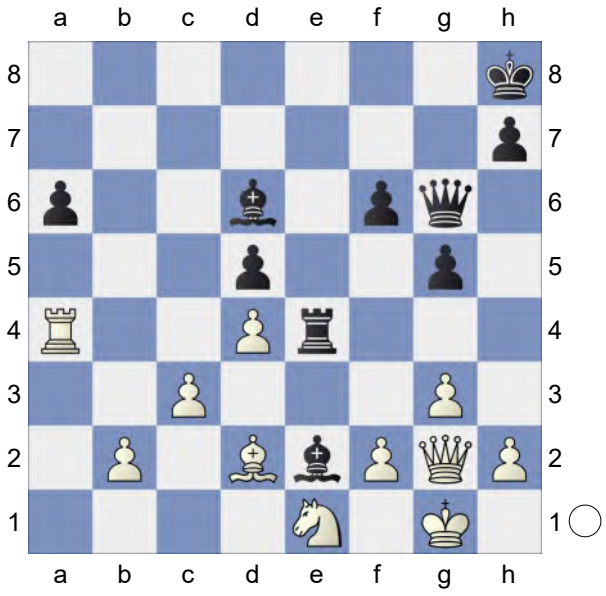
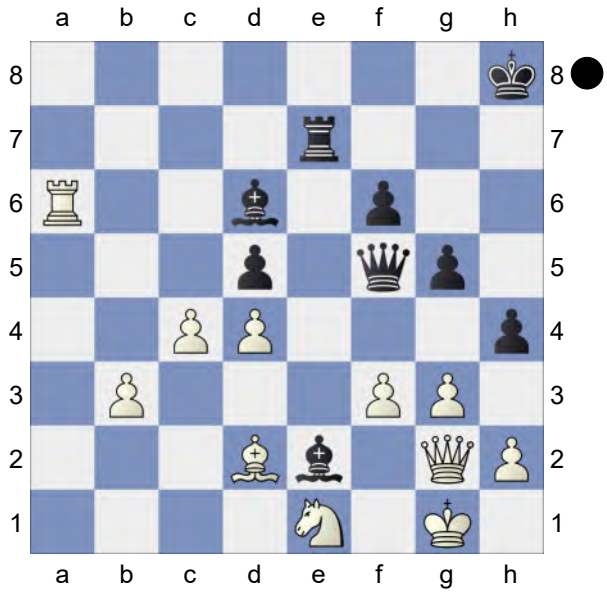


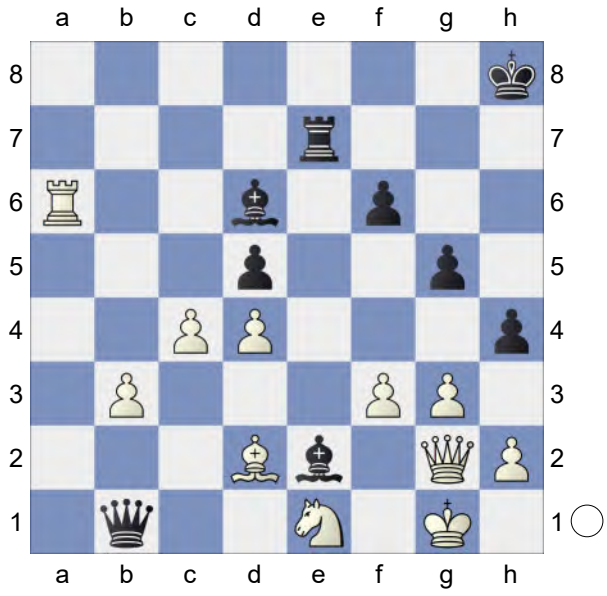
26...Re8 0.01/20
0x0.00268981f4f2dp-1022s more active pieces.
[26...Bf4!∓ -0.78/20 27.Qe2 *(27.Qd3 Qxd3)* 27...Re8]
27.Qf3 Re4 28.a4 bxa4! 29.Rxa4 Bg4
A strong pair of Bishops. **30.Qg2 Be2**



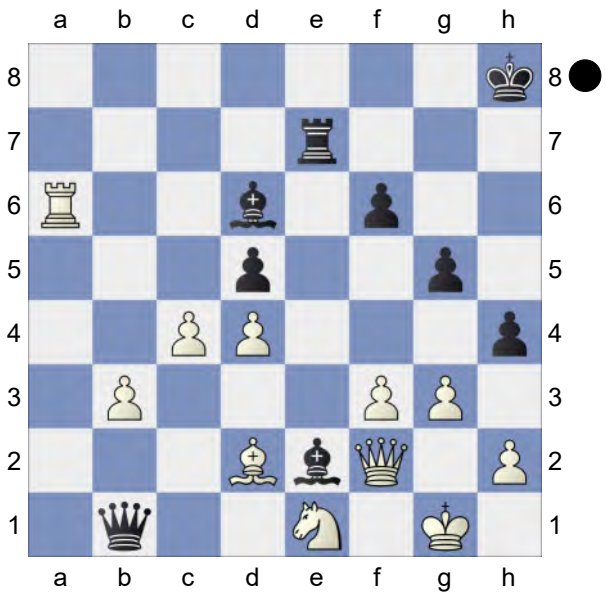
31.b3 h5 32.Ra1 -0.40/20
[32.Be3= 0.01/18]
32...h4
[32...Qf5!?]
33.c4 -0.86/19
[33.Qh3∓ -0.34/18 f5 34.Ra2]
33...Qf5!∓
[33...dxc4 34.Rxa6 f5 35.b4±]
[33...Rxd4 34.Bc3 Re4 35.Rxa6±]
34.f3
[34.Rxa6 h3 35.Qxe4 Qxe4-+]
34...Re7 35.Rxa6



Qb1! 0.23/21



36.Qf2? -1.86/19
[36.Rxd6= 0.23/21 and White is okay. Bd3 37.Kh1 *(37.cxd5 Rxe1+)* 37...Rxe1+ 38.Bxe1 Qxe1+ 39.Qg1]
[36.Ba5 Qa1]



Loses the game. **36...Bd3!-+ 37.Bc3**
[37.gxh4? Bf4 38.hxg5 fxg5 39.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 40.Kg2 Re2 41.Bxg5 *(41.Be5+? Kh7-+)* 41...dxc4 42.bxc4 Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2 Qf1+ 44.Ke3 Bxc4 45.Bf6+ Kh7-+]
[37.Rxd6 Re2]
37...dxc4 Threatens to win with ...Re2.
38.Rxd6 -2.41/19
[⌓38.f4 -1.66/19 Re2 39.Qf1]
38...Re2! 39.Qf1 -3.21/18
[39.Qxe2 -2.24/17 is a better defense. Bxe2 40.bxc4]

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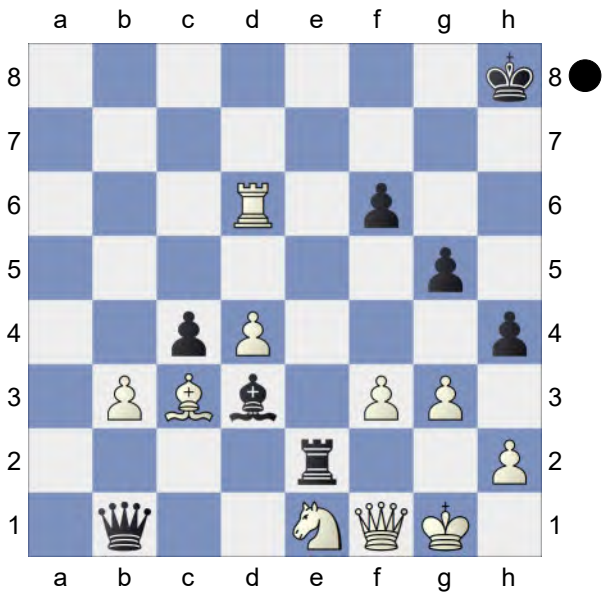
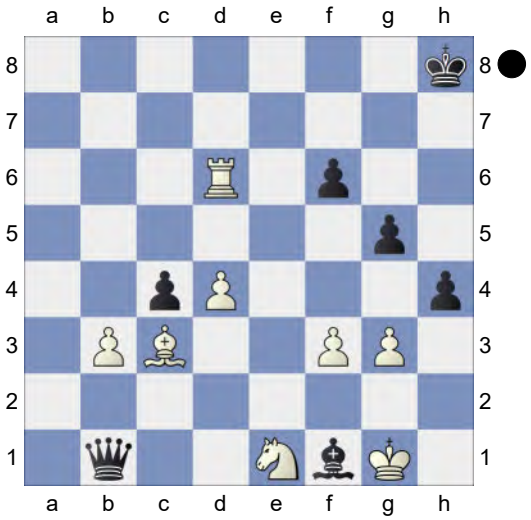


39...Rxh2!! Discovered Attack **40.Qxd3**
[40.Kxh2 Bxf1 41.Kg1



hxg3!-+]
[40.Rd8+ Kh7 41.Qxd3+ *(41.Rd7+? Kg6-+)* 41...cxd3-+]
40...cxd3

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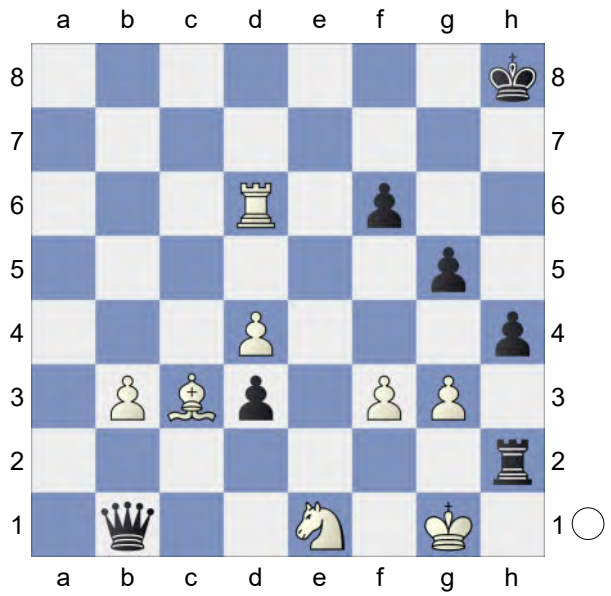
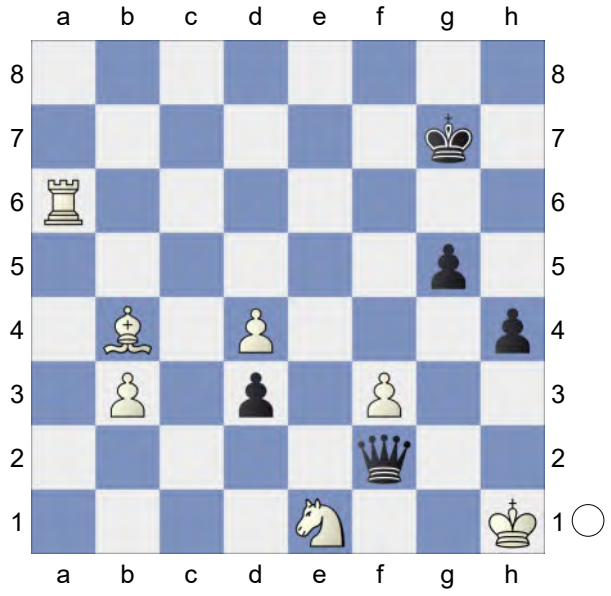
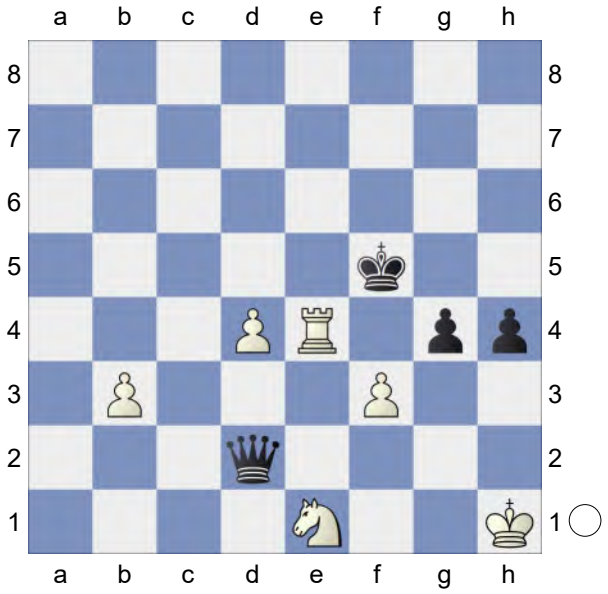


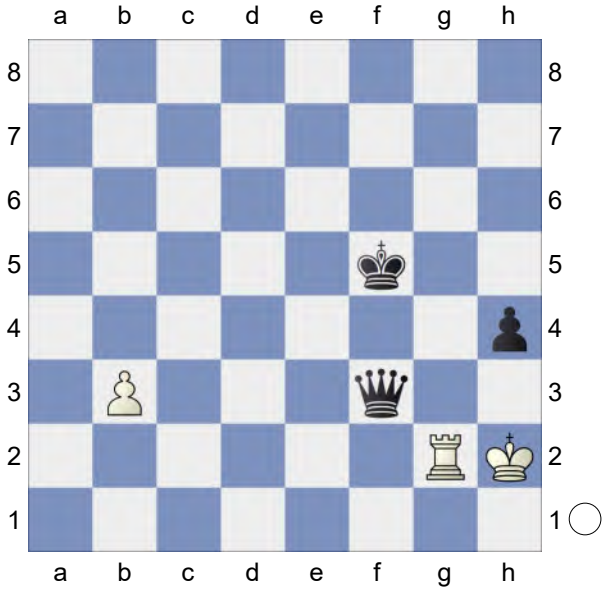
The board is on fire. **41.Kxh2 Qc1**
[Worse is 41...Qa2+ 42.Ng2∓]
42.Bb4
[Much weaker is 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Ba5 *(43.Rd7+? Kg6-+)* 43...d2 44.Rd7+ Kg6 45.Bxd2 Qxd2+ 46.Ng2 Qf2 47.gxh4 gxh4-+]
42...Qc7 43.Rxf6? -5.19/21
[43.Nxd3 -2.78/24 Qc2+ 44.Kh3 Qxd3 45.Rxf6 Qxd4 46.Rf8+ Kg7 47.Rf5 Qxb4 48.Rxg5+ Kf6 49.Rg4 Qxb3 50.Rf4+ Ke5 51.Kxh4]
43...Qxg3+ 44.Kh1 Kg7 45.Ra6 Qf2



Prevents Ra2. **46.Ra7+ Kg6 47.Re7 d2 48.Bxd2 Qxd2** Endgame KQ-KRN **49.Re6+ Kf5 50.Re4 g4**



Deflection **51.Rxg4 Qxe1+** KQ-KR **52.Kh2 Qf2+ 53.Rg2 Qxd4 54.Rg4 Qf2+ 55.Rg2 Qxf3**



(-> ...Kf4) **56.b4 Kf4 57.Rg7 Qd5 58.b5 h3 59.Rg6 Qe5 60.Rg3 Qe2+**

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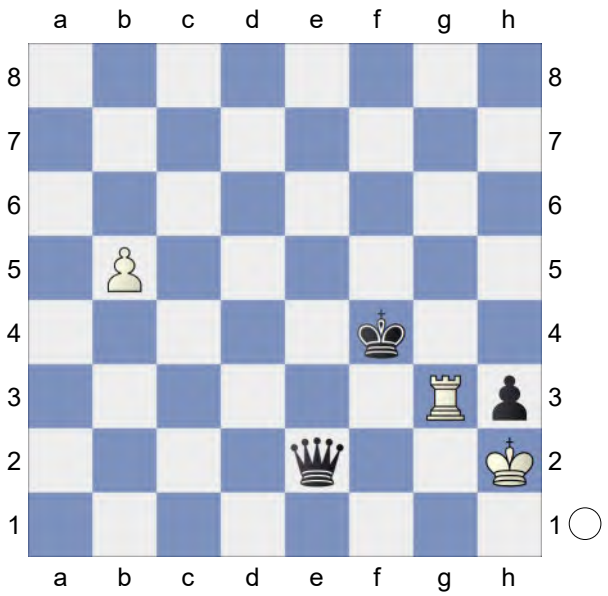
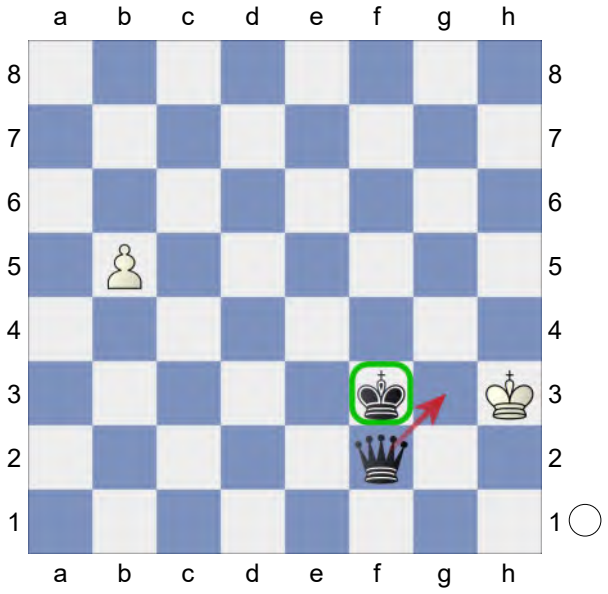


61.Kxh3 Qe1 62.Rg4+ Kf3 63.Rg2 Qh1+ 64.Rh2 Qg1 Black mates. **65.Rf2+ Qxf2**



66.b6 Qg3#

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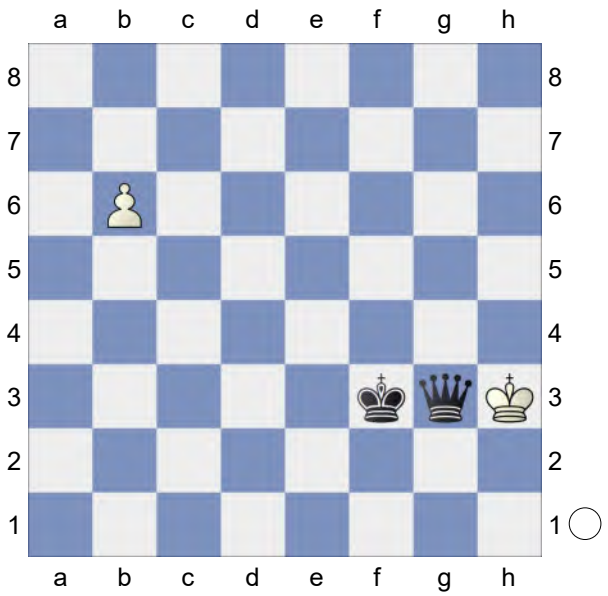

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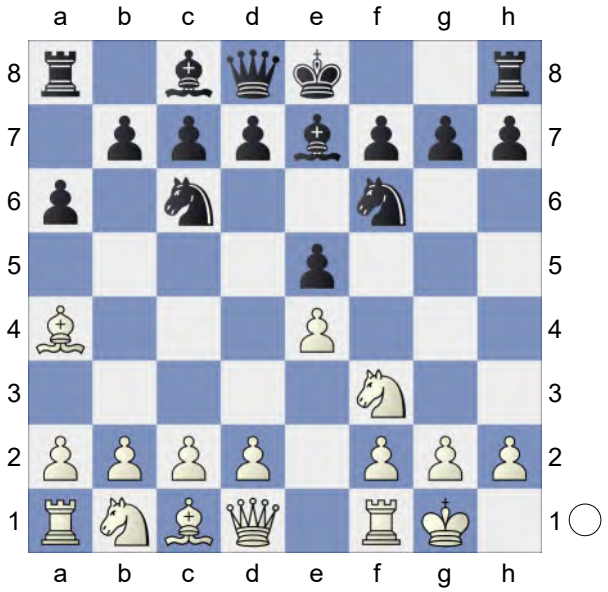
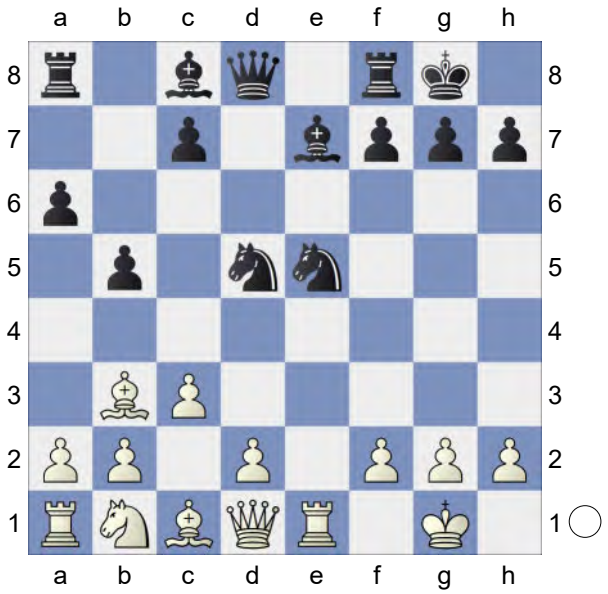
48 **C89**
□ **PatriciaBot** **2848**
■ **InanisBot** **2610**
Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

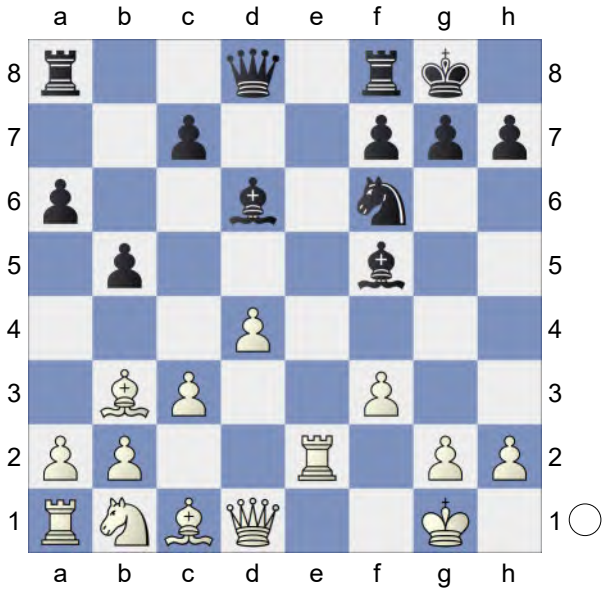


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2

&Bianco is more active. **13...Bg4N**
[13...Nh5 14.Qd3 *(14.Re4 Bf5 15.Nd2 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Qh4 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.g3 Qh3 19.Bd5 Rae8 20.Bg2 Qc8 21.a4 Nf6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf4 Qe6 24.Bc6 Rc8 25.d5 Qf5 26.Bxd6 Ne4 27.Bf4 g5 28.Be3 Rfd8* Agopov,M (2443)-Sulskis,S (2591) Jyvaskyla 2011 CI1-130 [Sulskis,Sarunas] ½-½ (35) *; 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Nd2 Kh8 16.Re1 Qh4 17.Nf1 f5 18.f3 f4 19.Bf2 Ng3 20.Qd3 Qg5 21.Be6* C 89/06 *)* 14...Qh4 *(14...Bg4 15.Re1 Re8 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Be3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Qe1+ 19.Qf1 Qxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Bxf4* C 89/06 *)* 15.g3 Qh3 16.Bd5 Bf5 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Rae8 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Qf1 Qg4 21.Nd2 f5 22.f3 Qg6 23.Qf2 Nf4 24.Kh1 Re2 25.Qf1 Qh6 26.h4 Nh5 27.Ne4 Nxg3+ 28.Kg1 Chapter-Games Game 5]
14.f3 Bf5



15.Bg5! c5
[15...h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd2±]

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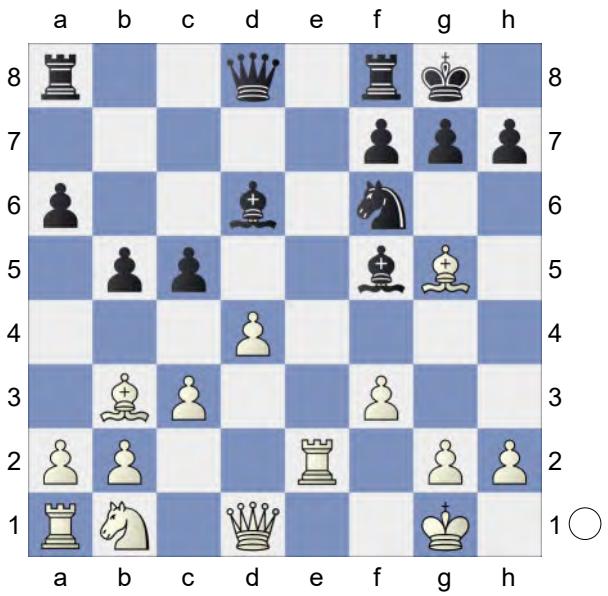
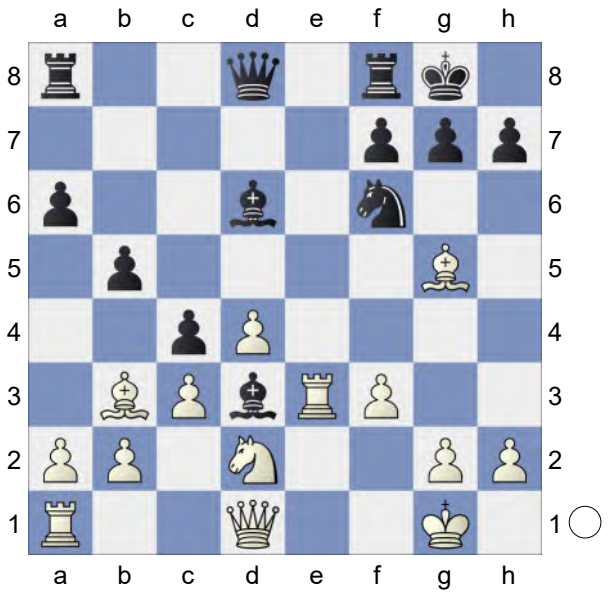


White is slightly better. **16.Nd2 Bd3 17.Re3 c4** 1.15/21
[⌓17...Bg6 0.79/21]



18.Rxd3!± cxd3 19.Ne4 Be7
Strongly threatening ...Nxe4. **20.Qxd3 Nxe4**

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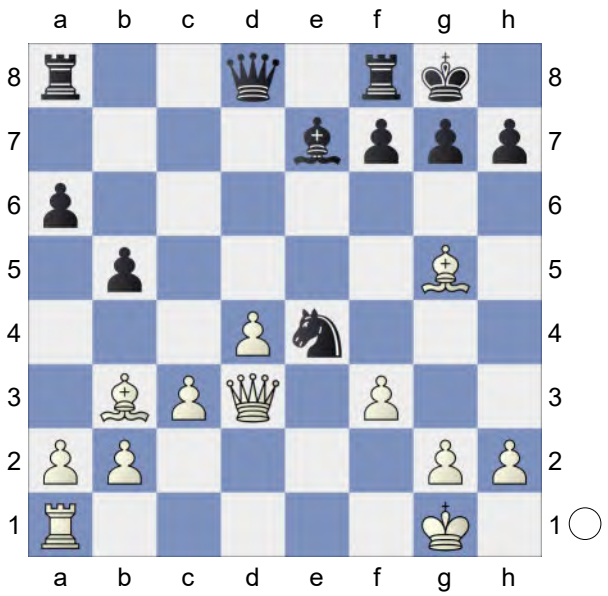
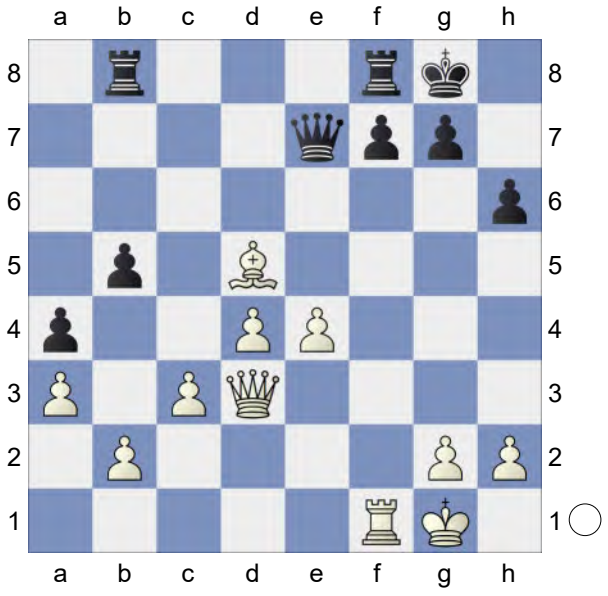
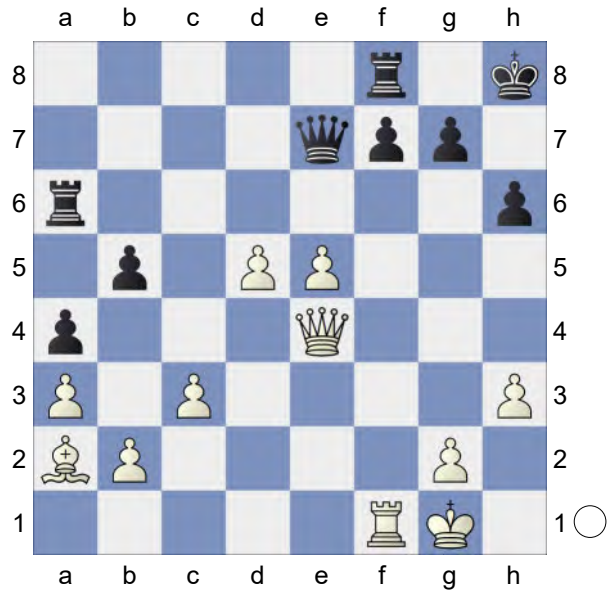


21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.fxe4
[Don't play 22.Qxe4?! Rae8=]
22...a5 23.Bd5 Rab8 24.Rf1 a4 1.85/19
[24...Qd7± 1.48/18 was necessary. 25.Qf3 Rbc8]
25.a3+- h6 2.19/18
[⌓25...Kh8 1.77/17 26.e5 Rb6]



26.e5 Rb6 27.Ba2 Kh8 28.h3 Kg8 29.Qe4 Kh8 3.78/19
[⌓29...Re6 2.68/18 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

30.d5 Ra6



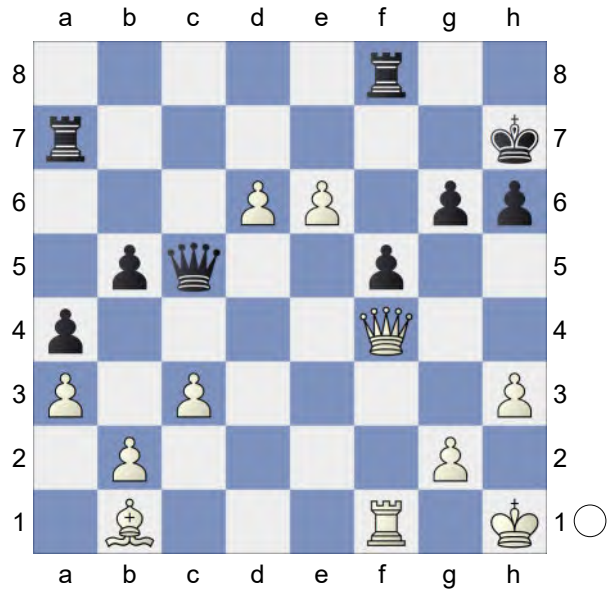
31.Kh1

[Less strong is 31.Bb1 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 g6+-]

31...Qc5? 6.60/21

[31...Rg6 3.57/19 32.Bb1 h5]

32.d6 Ra7 33.Bb1 g6 34.Qf4 Kh7 35.e6 f5



36.Rd1 Rg7 37.Ba2 Rd8 38.Rd5 Qa7 39.Qe5 b4 40.cxb4 Qf2

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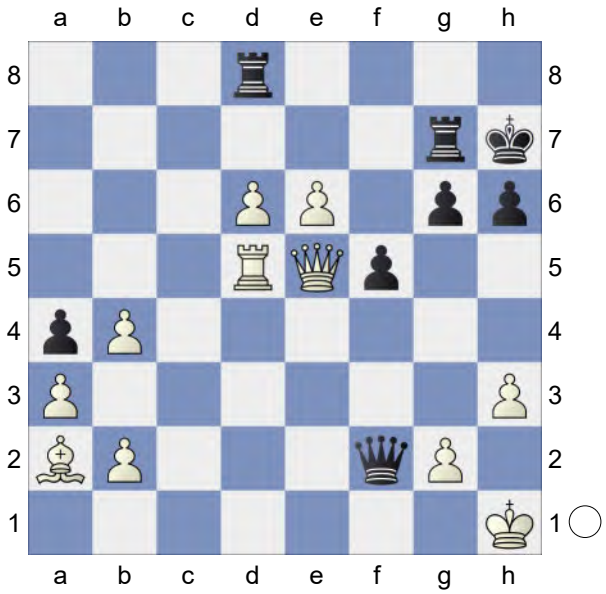
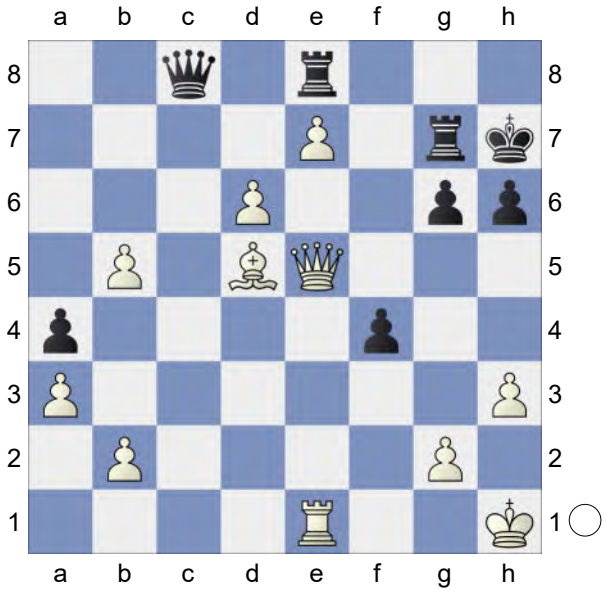


41.e7 Re8 42.Rd1 f4 43.Bd5 Qa7 44.Re1 Qd7 45.b5 Black must now prevent Bc6. **45...Qc8**



46.Bc6 Intending d7 and mate.

46...Rgxe7 47.dxe7 Qb8 48.Qf6 f3 49.Re6 Rg8 50.e8Q fxg2+

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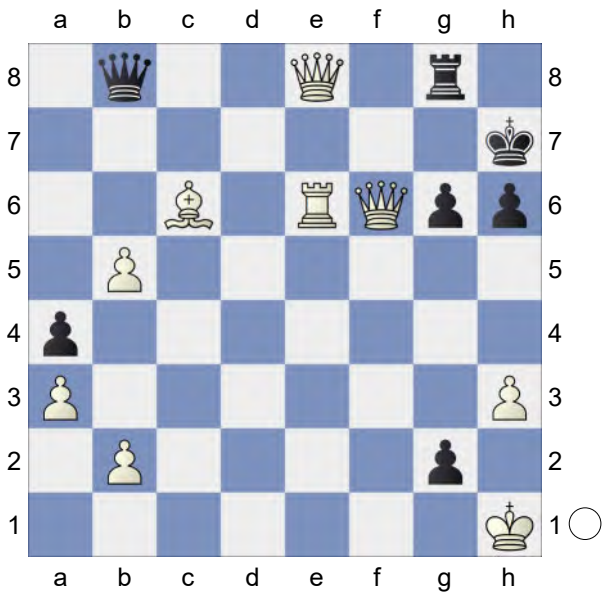
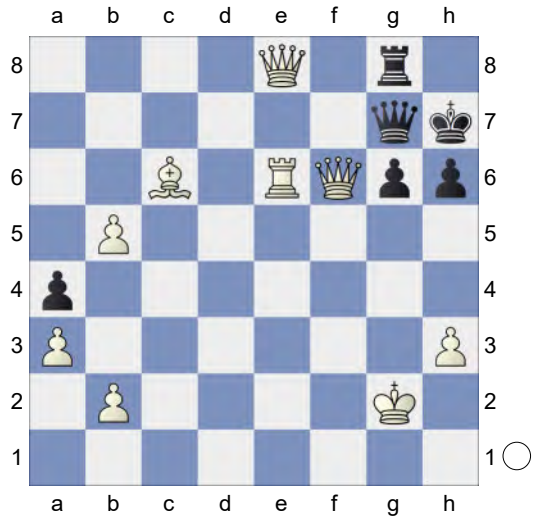


51.Kxg2 19.72/5

[⌓51.Kg1 #5/12 Qa7+ 52.Kxg2 Qg7



53.Re7! h5 54.Qfxg6+ Kh8 55.Qxg7#]

51...Rxe8 52.Qxg6+ White mates. **52...Kh8 53.Qxh6+ Kg8 54.Rg6+ Kf7 55.Qg7#**

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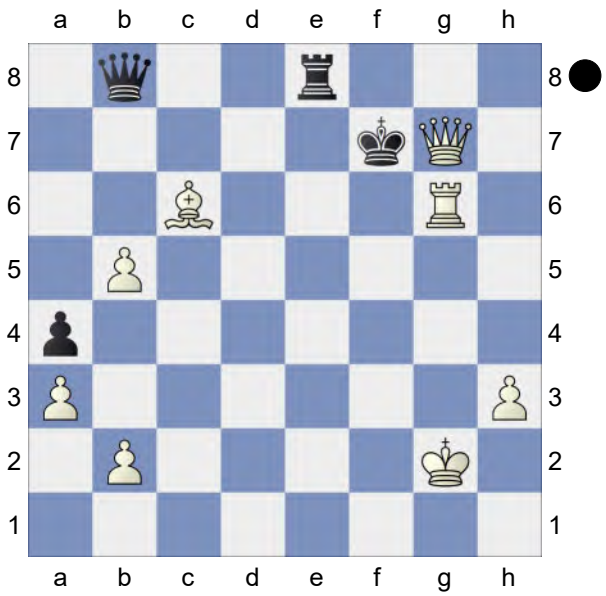

Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

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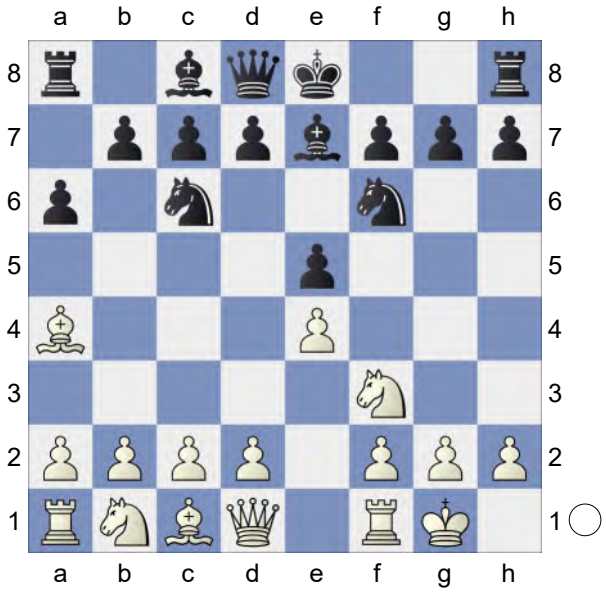
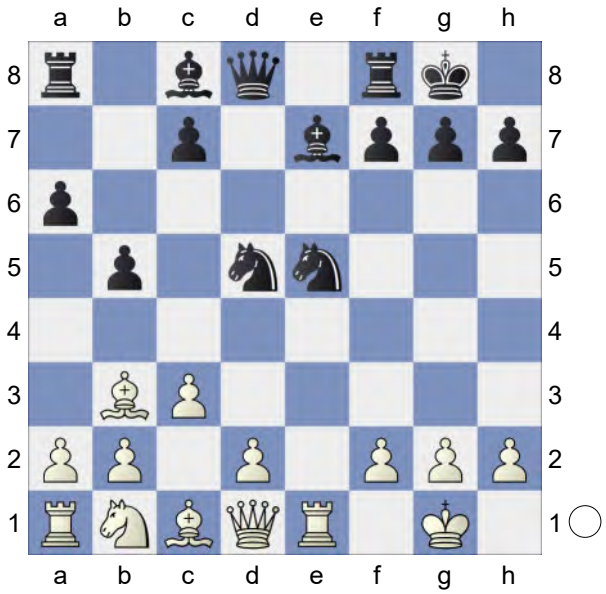
49 **C89**
□ **Phalanx-XXV** **2511**
■ **ArasanX** **3030**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

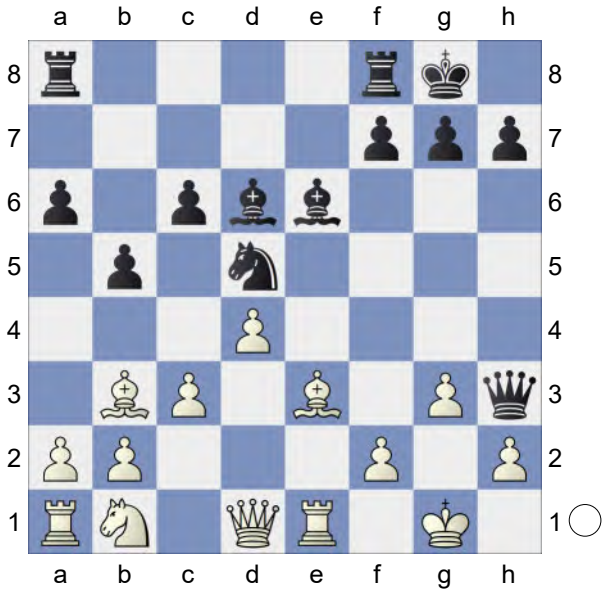
Rapid 15min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Inf 55/(344) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4
14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Be6
[15...Bg4!? 16.Qd3 *(16.f3? Bxg3 17.Qd2 Bxf3-+)* 16...f5=]



16.Qd3N
[16.Nd2
A) 16...Bg4 17.Qb1 *(17.f3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qxg3+* ½-½ (18) Chiburdanidze,M (2520)-Grivas,E (2460) Karditsa 1995 CBM 122 [Grivas,Efstratios]*)* 17...f5 18.f4 g5 19.Qc2 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Kh8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Nf1 Rg8 24.Ng3 Bf3 25.Qf2 Rxg3+ 26.Qxg3 Rg8 27.Re8 Qxg3+ 28.hxg3 Rxe8 29.Kf2 Bg4 30.Re1 Re4 31.Re3 Nolte,R (2324)-Yurtaev,L (2543) Kalkata 2001 CBM 085 [Atlas,Valeri] 0-1 (31);
B) 16...Rae8 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qh6 20.Nf1 Nxf4 21.Bxe6+ Frolov,A (2495)-Poluljahov,A (2425) Budapest 1992 CI1-130 [Poluljahov,Aleksandr]]
16...a5 17.Nd2 a4! The position is equal. **18.Bc2 f5 19.f4 g5 20.Bf2 Rae8**
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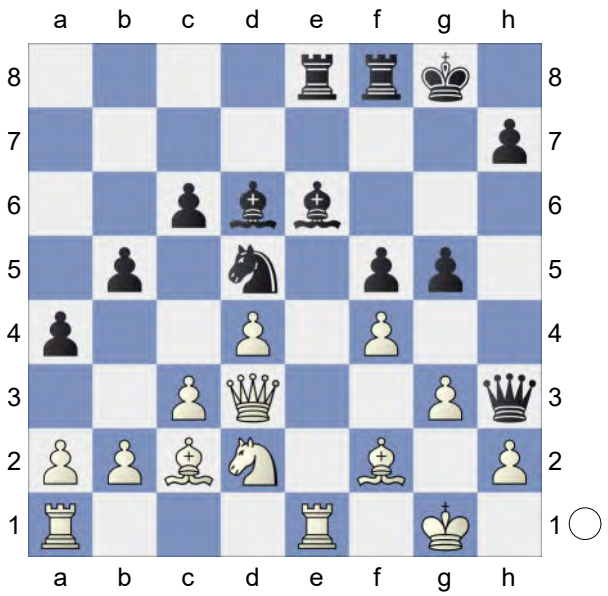
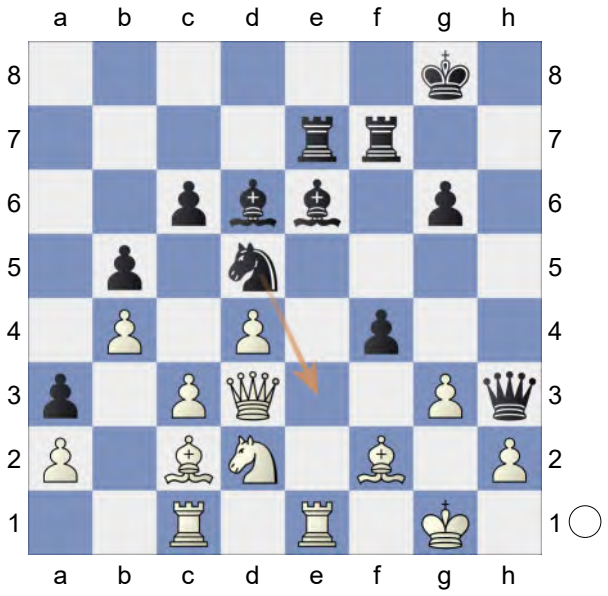
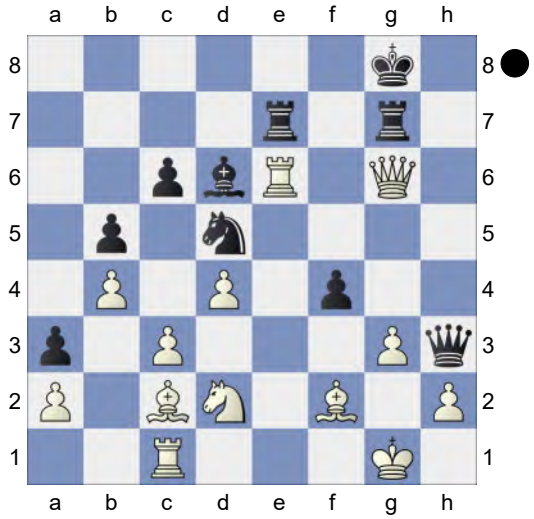


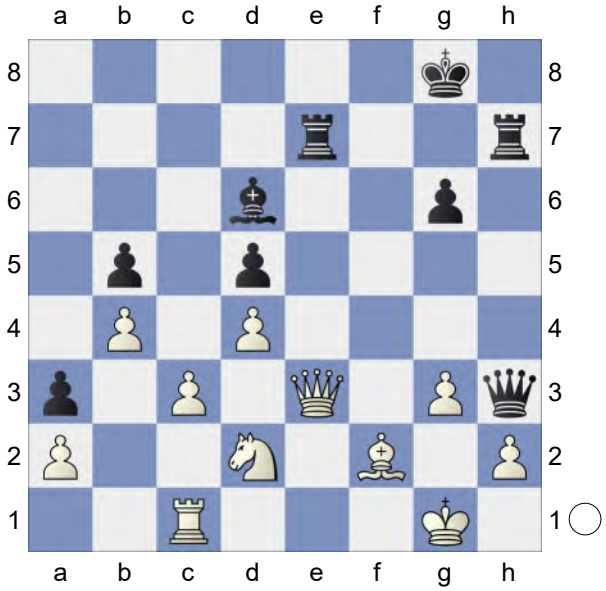
21.fxg5 f4 22.Rac1 -1.62/22
[22.Re4∓ -0.74/23]
22...a3-+ Chess con chili. **23.b3 Re7→** Black is out for blood. **24.g6?** -4.70/25 White does not recover from this.
[24.Re4∓ -0.75/20 nothing else works.]
24...hxg6
[Inferior is 24...Bf5 25.Qf1 Rxe1 26.Bxe1=]
25.b4 Rff7



Strongly threatening ...Ne3! **26.Bb1?** -10.43/26
[26.Qxg6+ Rg7 27.Rxe6



fxg3! 28.hxg3 Bxg3 29.Bxg3 Rxe6-+]
[26.Re4 -3.21/21]
26...Ne3 27.Rxe3 fxe3 28.Qxe3 Bd5 29.Be4 Against Qg2+ **29...Rh7 30.Bxd5+ cxd5**



31.Nf1 Rxe3 32.Bxe3 Rf7 33.Re1

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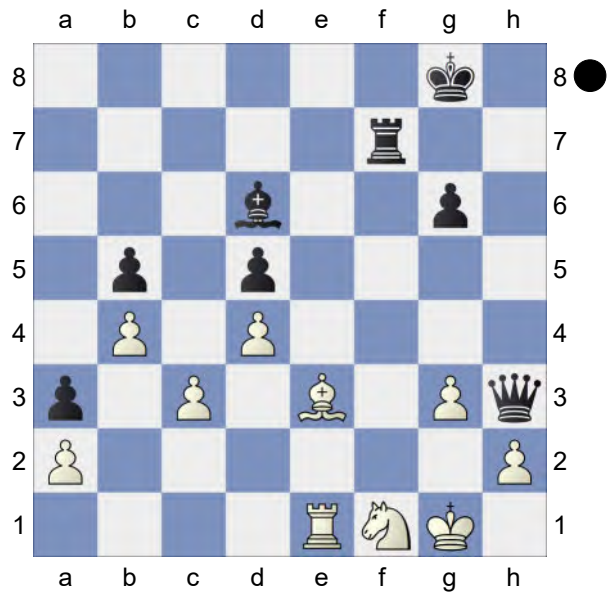
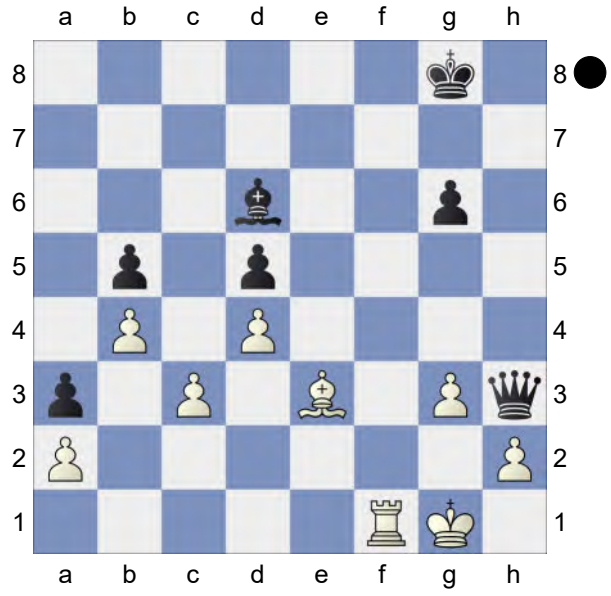


Rxf1+! 34.Rxf1



Bxg3! 35.hxg3 Qxg3+

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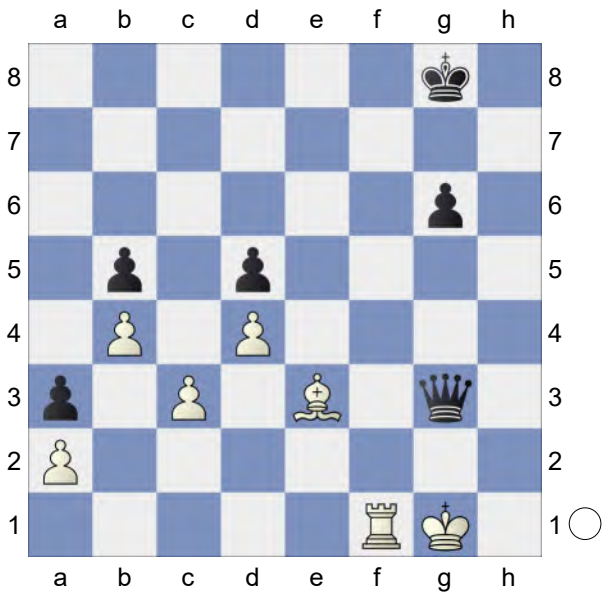
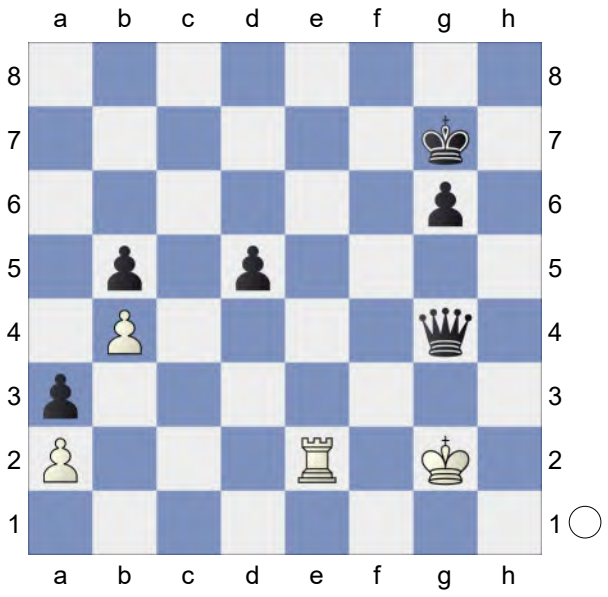


36.Kh1 Qxe3 Endgame KQ-KR **37.Kg2 Qxc3** White must now prevent ...Qb2+. **38.Rf6 Kg7 39.Rf2 Qxd4** (-> ...Qe4+) **40.Re2 Qg4+**



41.Kf1 d4 42.Ke1 d3 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Re5 Qxb4+ 45.Kd1 Qb2

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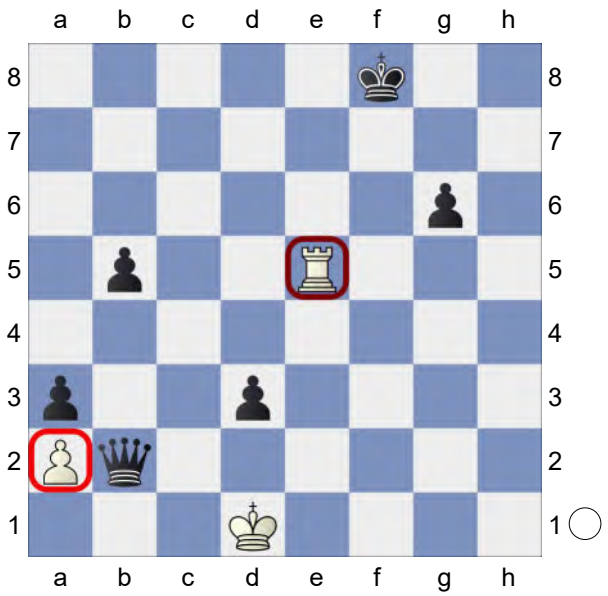
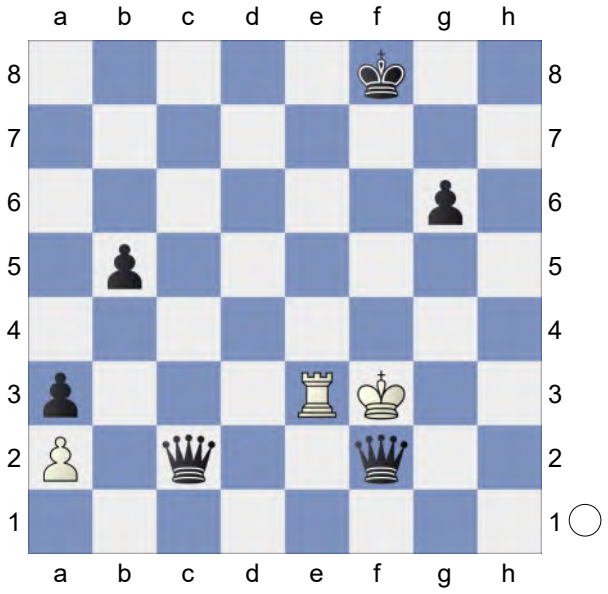


46.Re3 Qc2+ 47.Ke1 d2+
Black mates. **48.Kf2 d1Q+ 49.Kg3 Qg1+ 50.Kf3 Qgf2+**



51.Kg4 Qcf5#

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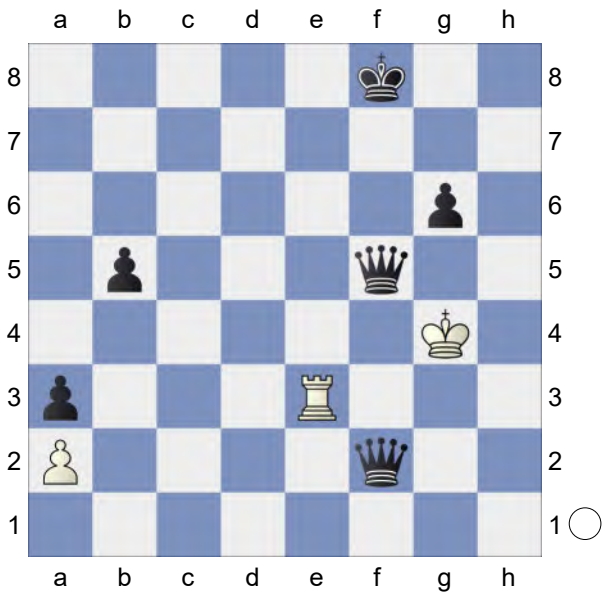

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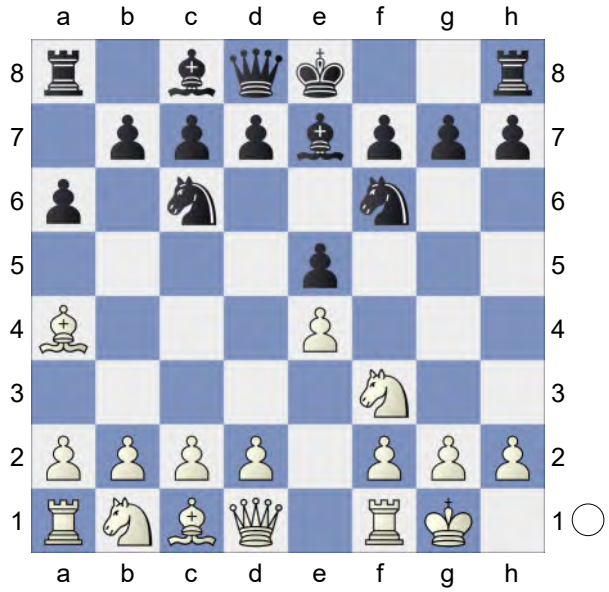
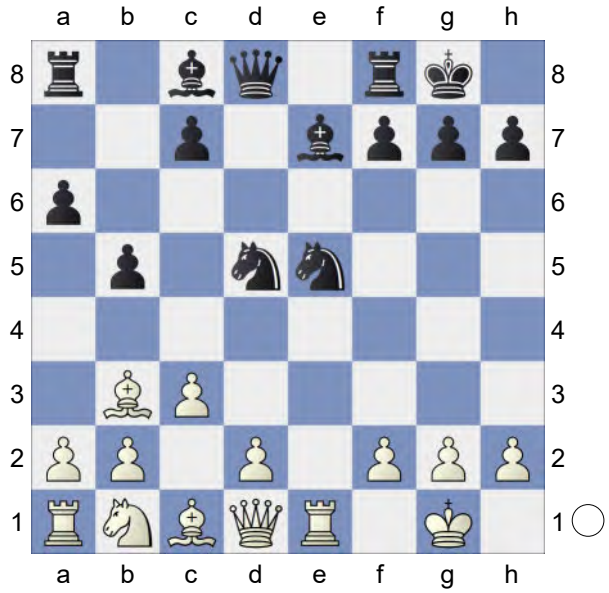
50 **C89**
□ **Postny,Evgeny** **2600**
■ **Kotlyar,Kirill** **2390**
Titled Tue 2. Apr Late (4) 02.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

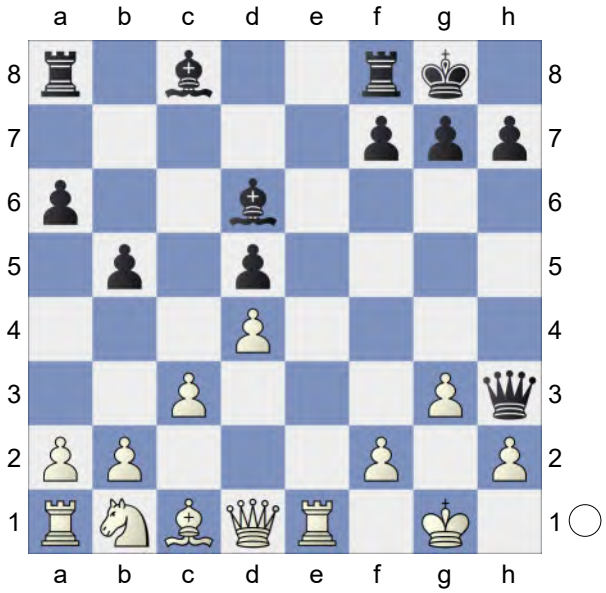
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack RR: 'Inf 56/(380)' C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



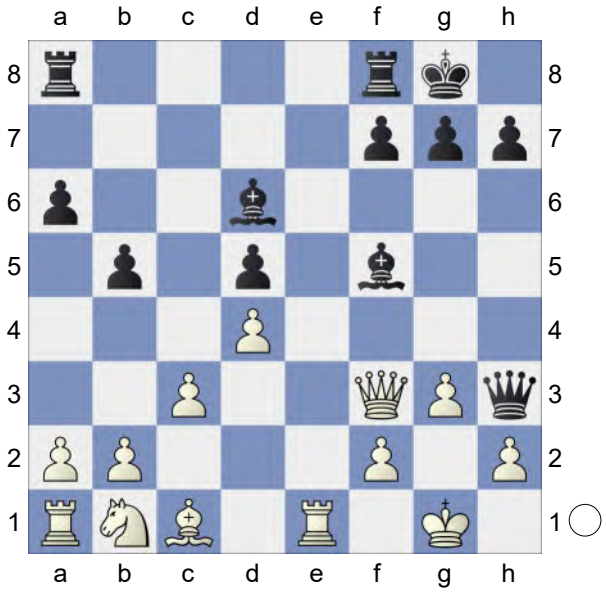
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3



16.Qf3 Bf5



...Ra8-e8 would now be deadly. 16...Bg4 might become the main line. 16...Lg4 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **17.Qg2** -0.69/22
[White should play 17.Qxd5= -0.11/24 Rae8 18.Bd2 *(18.Rxe8? Rxe8 19.Be3 Be4-+)*]
17...Qh5∓ Hoping for ...Ra8-e8. Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **18.Qxd5 Rad8**

[18...Rfe8 19.Bd2 Rxe1+ 20.Bxe1 Qd1 21.Qxa8+ Bf8 22.Qg2 Bd3 23.h3 Qxe1+ 24.Kh2 h5 25.h4 Qc1 26.Qf3 Qxb2 27.Qxd3 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 Qb2 29.a4 Qxa1 30.axb5 axb5 31.Qxb5 Qa8+ 32.d5 Qa2 33.Qd3 ½-½ Donchev,D (2495)-Topalov,V (2520) ch SW Bulgaria 1992]

19.Qg2 -4.50/26

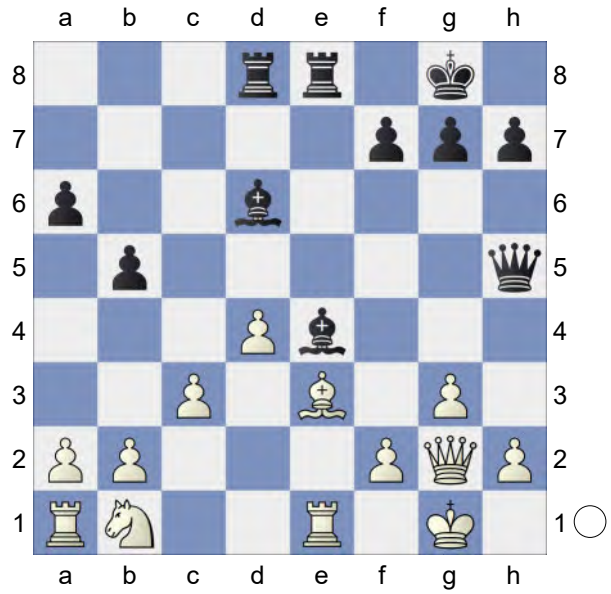
[19.Nd2∓ -0.57/22]

[19.Qc6 Rde8 20.Qxe8 Rxe8 21.Rxe8+ Bf8 22.Re1 Be4 23.Nd2 Bc6 24.b3 Qh3 25.f3 h5 26.Ne4 h4 27.Bf4 C 89/18 2000]

19...Rfe8N

[19...Rde8 20.Be3 Bh3 21.Qh1 Be6 22.Nd2 Bd5 23.f3 f5 24.Bf2 g5 25.Qg2 g4 26.Rxe8 Qxe8 27.Re1 Qg6 28.b3 gxf3 29.Qh3 Bf4 30.Nf1 Kh8 31.Be3 Bxe3+ 32.Nxe3 f4 33.Nxd5 fxg3 34.Rc1 0-1 Van Ketel,R-Bromillow,E EM/J50/P051 ICCF Email 2001 (2) f2+ 35.Kh1 Qe4+ 1-0 Dulias,J-Baran,S POL-chT reg Poland 1995]

20.Be3 Be4

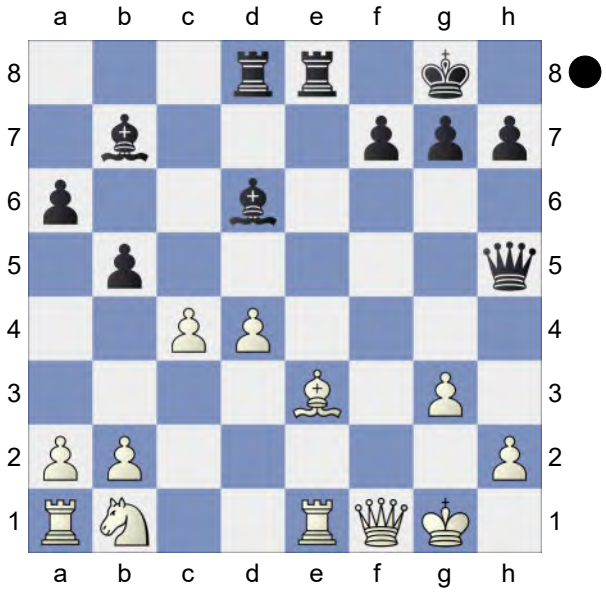


21.f3 Bxf3 White is weak on the light squares **22.Qf1N** -5.91/23

[Vorgänger: 22.Qf2 -4.19/25 is a better defense. Re6 23.Bf4 -10.33/23 *(⌓23.Nd2 -4.00/20 Ba8 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Rxe6)* 23...Rxe1+-+ 24.Qxe1 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Bc6 (-> ...Qh5-g4+) 26.Nd2 Re8 27.Qg3 Re2 28.f5 0-1 Rosh,J (2221)-Lu,M (2254) Novi Sad TS Mix 252 2022 (5)]

22...Bb7 This pair of bishops is nice.

23.c4



Bxg3 Double Attack **24.Qe2**

[24.Re2 Rxe3]

24...Rxe3

[24...Bxe1 25.Qxh5 Rxe3 26.Qc5∓]

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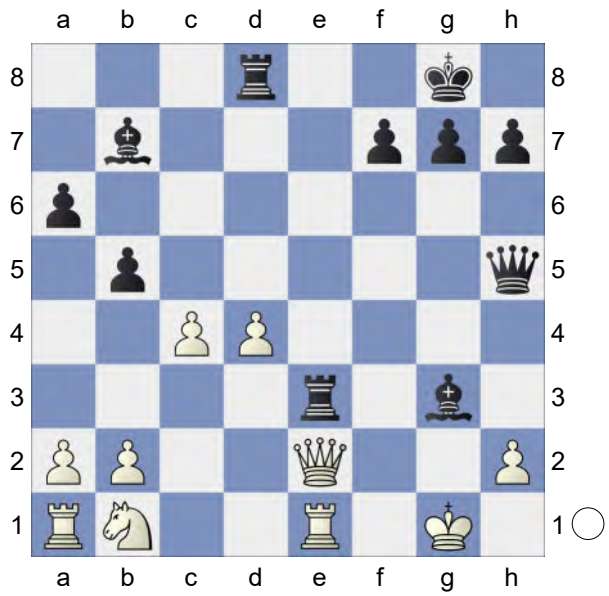

Black took control after the opening.
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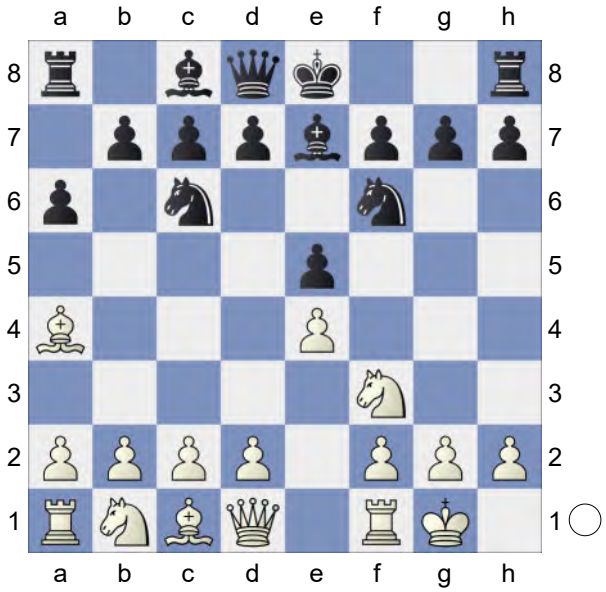
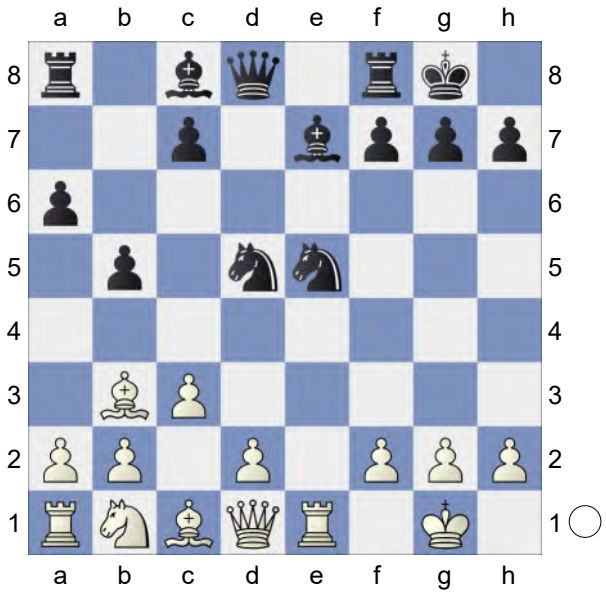
51 **C89**
□ **ProjectHuman** **2835**
■ **RipSockeye** **2790**
Classical 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

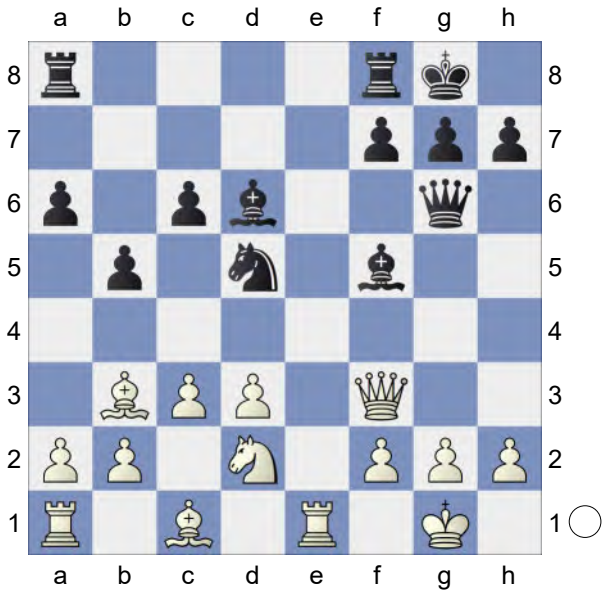
Rapid 25min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



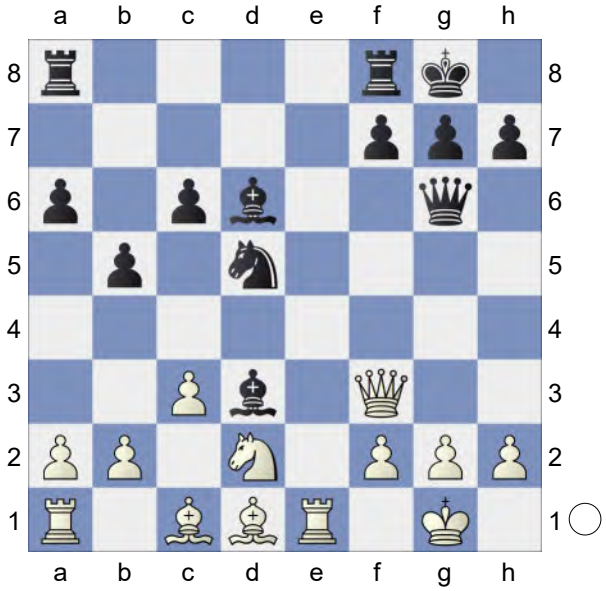
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Nd2 Qg6



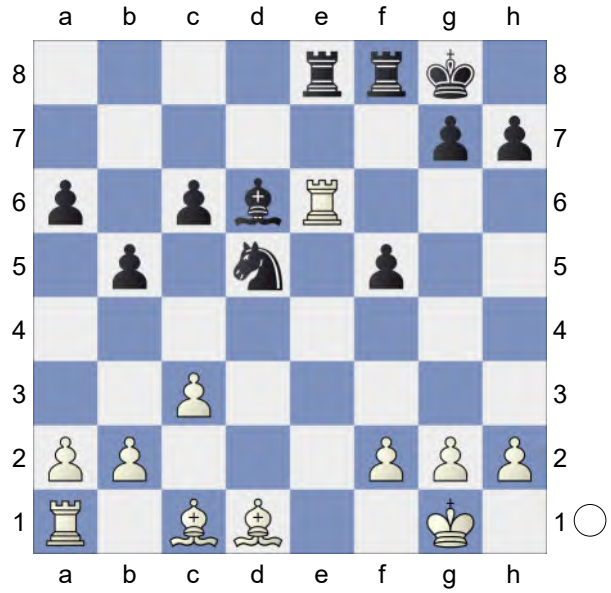
16.Bd1 -0.51/18
[White should play 16.Nf1= 0.16/19]
16...Bxd3∓



White must now prevent ...Rfe8. Black is slightly better. **17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5N** 0.71/20
[18...Bc7= -0.20/16 keeps the balance.]
[18...Qxe4 19.Rxe4 Rae8 *(19...f5 20.Re2 Rfe8 21.Bd2 Bf4 22.Be1 Nb6 23.g3 Bc7 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bf3 Re6 26.b3 Be5 27.Rd1 Kf7*

28.Kf1 g6 29.Rc1 a5 30.c4 bxc4 31.Bxa5 cxb3 32.axb3 Nd5 33.Rxc6 Rxc6 34.Bxd5+ 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2798)-Wohl,R (2759) Wien 38/514 2016 EXP 46 [Liubomirov] 1-0 (47)*)* 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Kf1 Bf4 22.Bf3 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Kf8 24.a3 Rd8 25.c4 Nf4 26.Bxc6 Nd3 27.Rc2 bxc4 28.Rxc4 Nxb2 29.Rc2 Rc8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Be4 Rxc2+ 32.Bxc2 Nc4 33.Bd3 Anand,V (2768)-Grischuk,A (2766) Saint Louis USA 2018 [Mikhalevski,Victor] ½-½ (34) Nxa3 34.Bxa6 1-0 (34) 12.Na4 Qa5-1-N,N Wijk aan Zee 2001 Najdorf 3 [Kasparov]]

19.Qe6+± Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8



21.Rxe8 Rxe8

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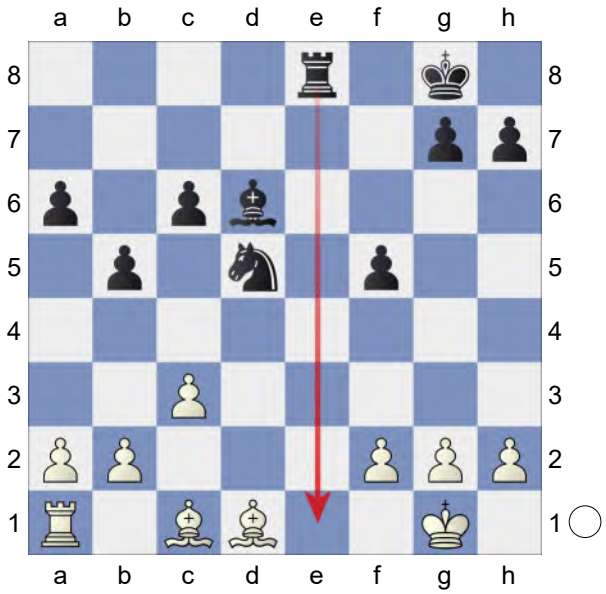
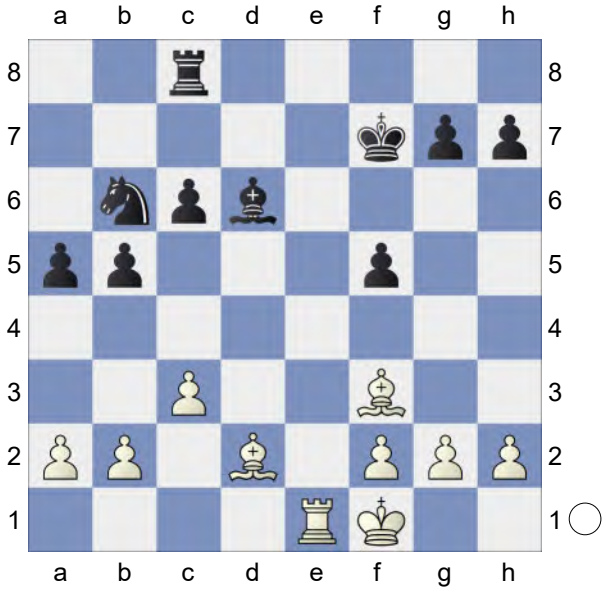
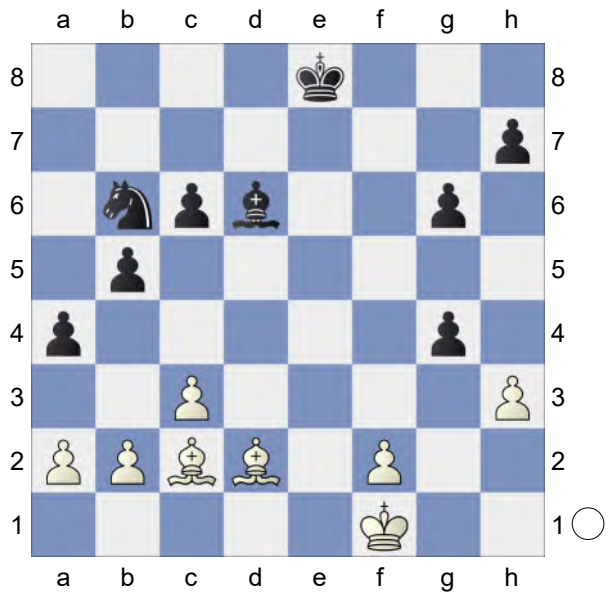


22.Kf1 Against Re1+ **22...Kf7** 0.20/19
[22...a5± 0.66/20]
23.Bf3= Rc8
[23...Bxh2? 24.g3+-]
24.Bd2 Nb6
[24...Bxh2? 25.g3+-]
25.Re1 a5

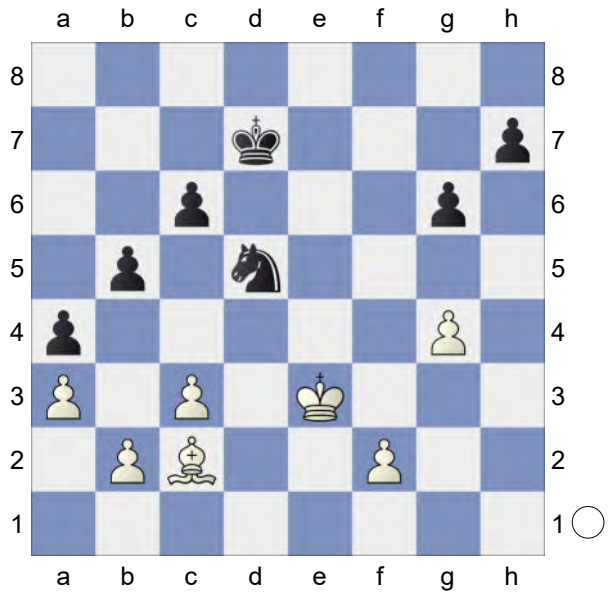


26.h3 a4 27.Bd1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 Endgame KBB-KBN **29.Bc2 g6 30.g4 fxg4**

(Diagram)

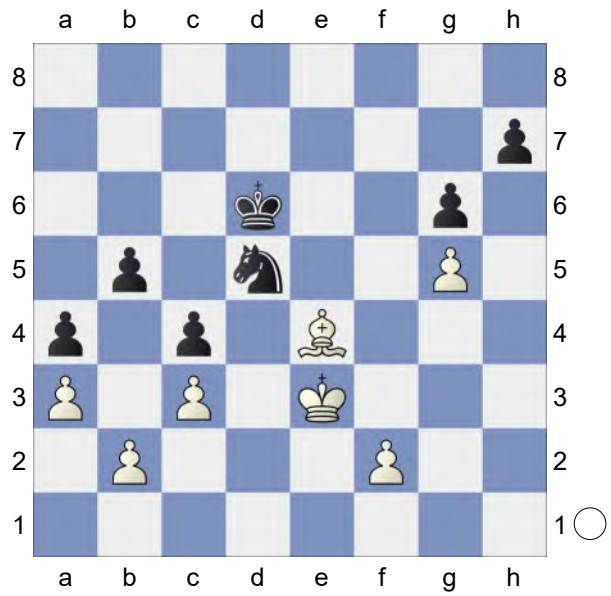


31.hxg4 Nd5 32.Ke2 Kd7 33.a3 Bf4 34.Bxf4 Nxf4+± KB-KN 35.Ke3 Nd5+

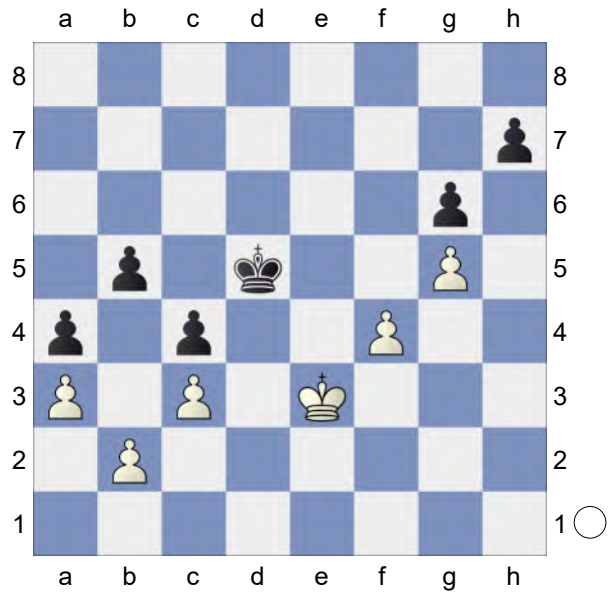


36.Kd4 Kd6 37.g5 Nb6 ...Nc4 is the strong threat. The position is equal. **38.Bd3** Prevents Nc4. **38...c5+ 39.Ke3 c4 40.Be4 Nd5+**

(Diagram)

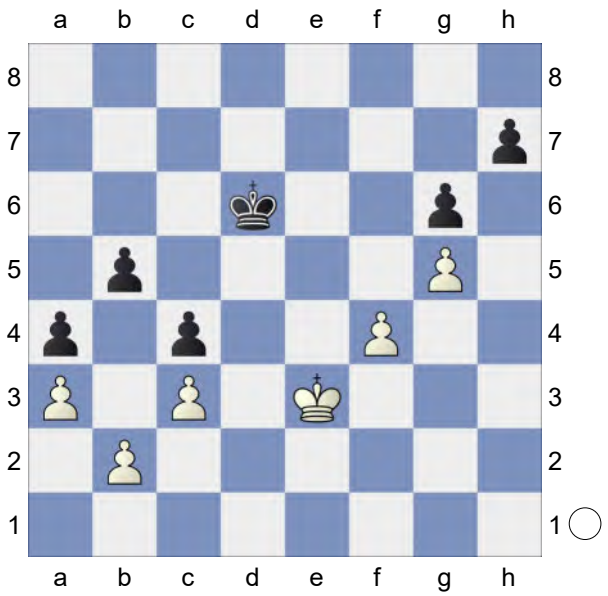


41.Bxd5 Kxd5= KP-KP **42.Kf4 Ke6 43.Ke4 Kd6 44.f4 Ke6! 45.Ke3 Kd5**

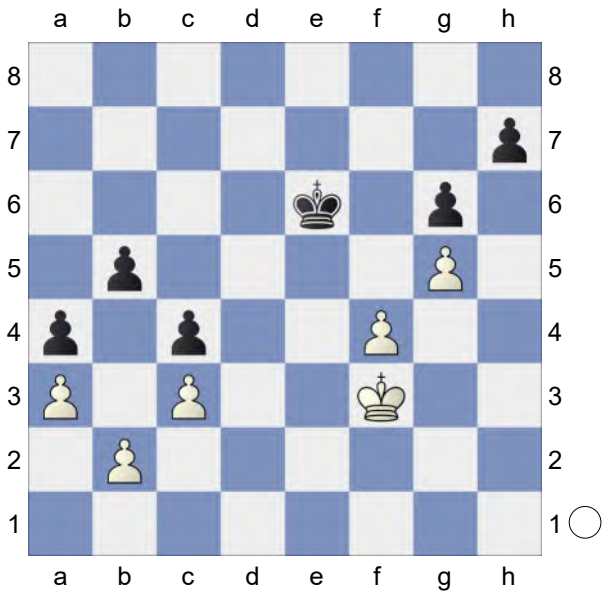


46.Kf3 Kd6 47.Ke2 Ke6 48.Kf2 Kd6 49.Ke2 Kd5 Threatens to win with ... Ke4. **50.Ke3 Kd6**

(Diagram)



51.Kd4 Ke6! 52.Ke4 Kd6 53.Kd4 Ke6! 54.Ke3 Kd5 55.Kf3 Ke6



56.Ke4 Kd6 57.Kf3 Kd5 58.Ke3 Kc5 59.Ke2 Kd5 60.Ke3

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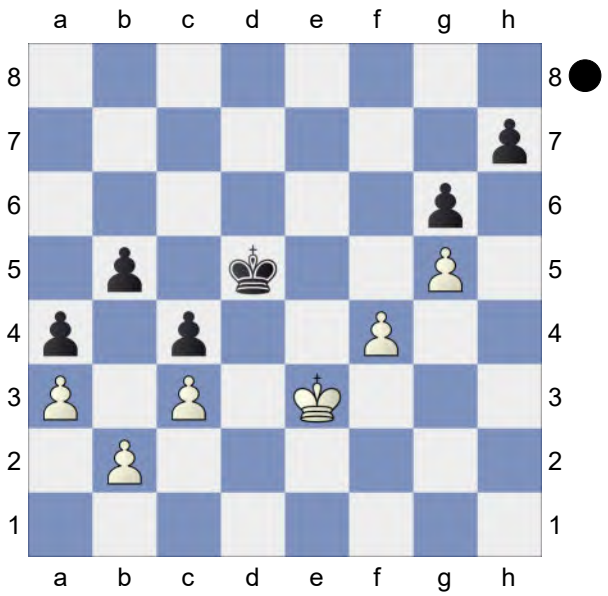

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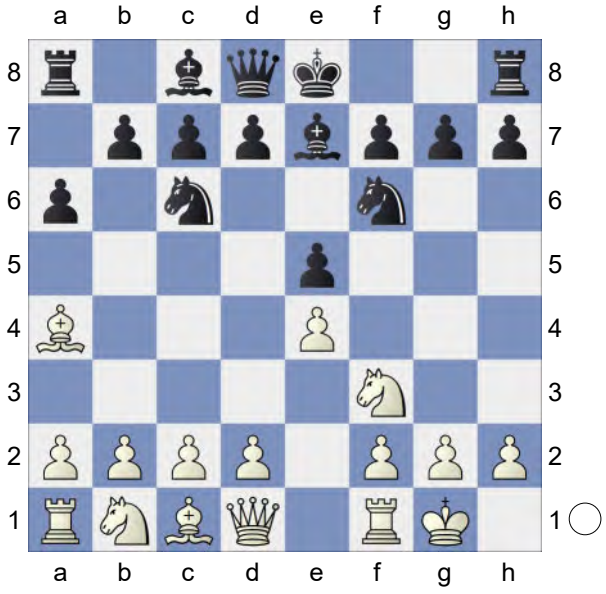
52 **C89**
□ **qzrchess77** **2552**
■ **cosinus90** **2620**
Blitz 27.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost!Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost!

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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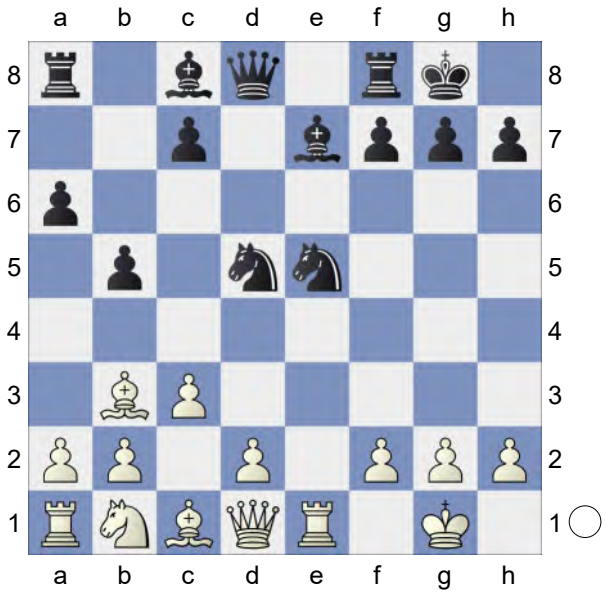
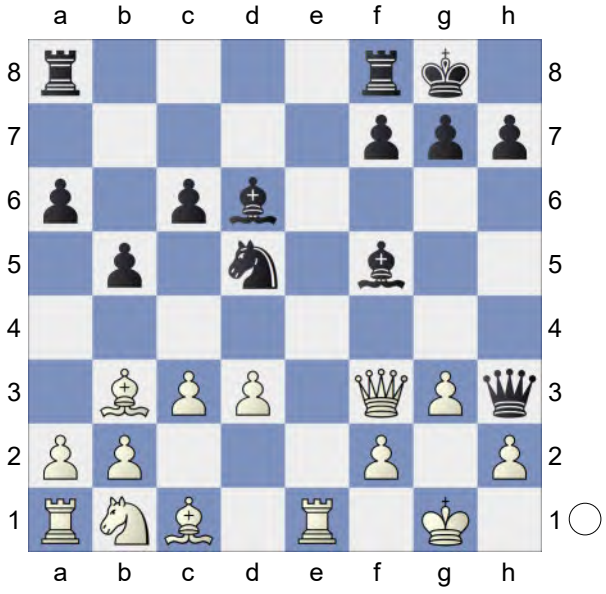


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Don't play 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bg4N White has an edge.
[Much less strong is 16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
[16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 *(18.Qxf5 Bxf5 19.Bd4 Rfd8 20.a4 Bf8 21.Ne4 h6 22.h4 Bg6 23.Rad1 Bh5 24.Rc1 Nb4 25.Re3 Nd5 26.Ree1 Nb4 27.Re3* ½-½ (27)

Ivanchuk,V (2751)-Aronian,L (2739) Nice 2008 CI1-130 [RR] *)*

A) 18...Rfe8 19.a4 h6 *(19...Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Rd8 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf8 24.c4 Nb4 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.a5 Nd3 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.Bd5 Nxb2 29.Rf4 Na4 30.Bc7 Rc8 31.Rxf7 Kh8 32.Bb7 Kg8 33.Rf3* 1-0 (33) 13. ♕c2 ♘e5 14. ♗e5 (2583)-Auvray,P (2446) Elista 2023 Colle NS [John Watson]*)* 20.Kg2 Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 f6 31.f3 Be7 32.Ra7 Bd6 33.Rd7 Caruana,F (2782)-Aronian,L (2812) Zürich 2014 CBM 159 [Caruana,Fabiano] 1-0 (66);

B) 18...Rae8 19.Kg2 h6 20.a4 Qxf3+ 21.Kxf3 Re6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Kg2 Rfe8 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Nxc4 Be4+ 27.f3 Bd3 28.Nxd6 Rxd6 29.Kf2 Rd7 30.Ra3 Nc7 31.Be3 Nd5 32.Bc5 f6 33.Ba4 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2731)-Ellithorpe,G (2740) Belfort 2015 CS: Giants of Power Play [Asauskas,H] 1-0 (42);

C) 18...Qxf3 19.Nxf3 Rfe8 20.a4 h6 21.h4 Ruy Lopez Marshall Attack-N,N [GM Mesgen Amanov]]

17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4

[20.f3!? Bh3 21.Qf2±]

20...Bxf4

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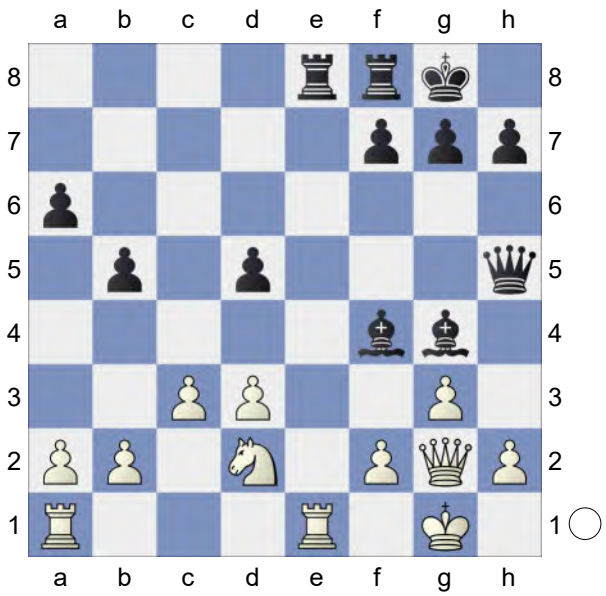


21.gxf4 Be2 -0.01/17

[21...Re6∓ -0.43/17 22.Re5 Rxe5 23.fxe5 Bh3]

22.Qg5= Qh3 23.Qg3 Qf5 0.46/20

[23...Qh5= 0.01/21]

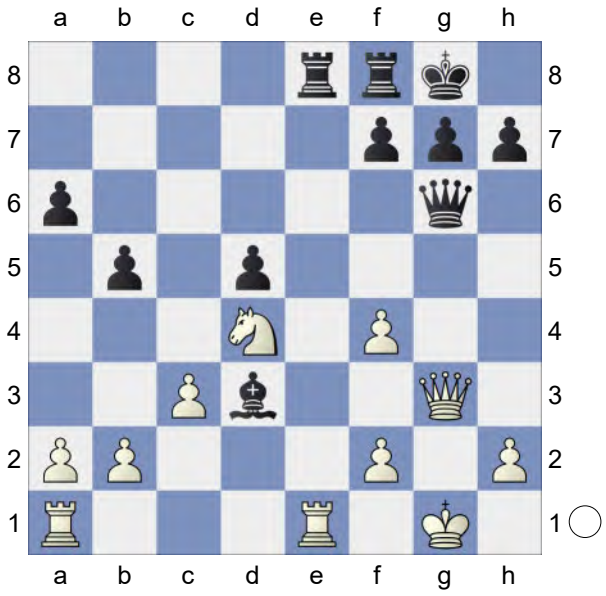
24.Nf3 -0.03/18

[24.Nb3!± 0.46/20]

24...Bxd3 0.42/19

[24...Bxf3= -0.03/18 25.Qxf3 Qf6]

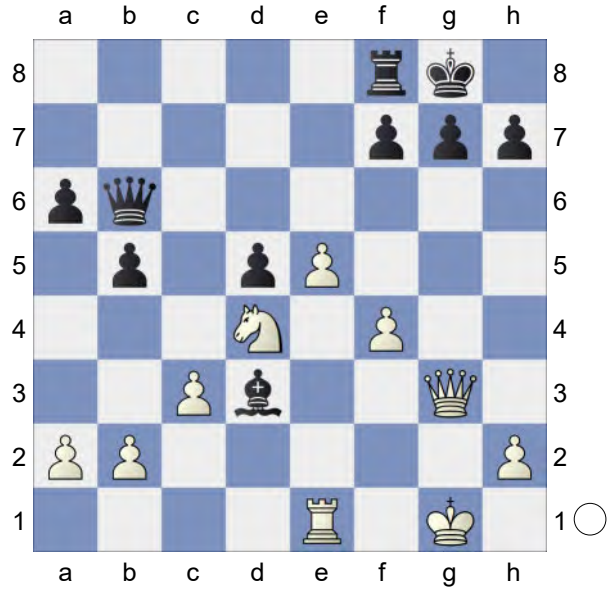
25.Nd4± Qg6



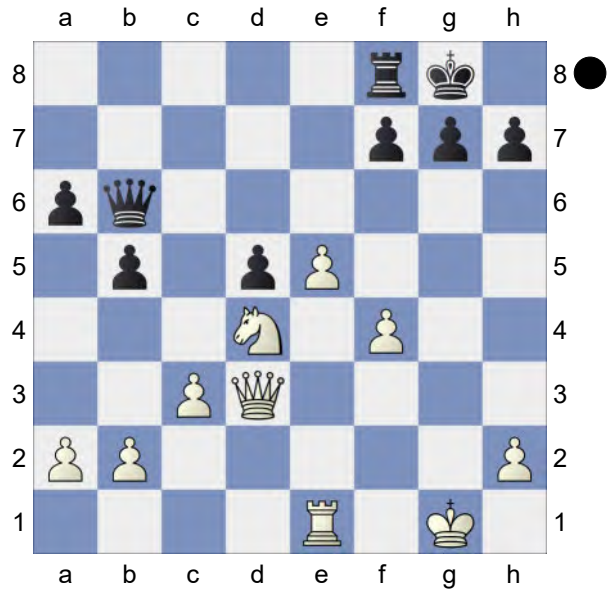
26.Re5 Rxe5 27.fxe5 Be4 28.f3 Bd3 1.34/20

[⌓28...Bf5 0.76/22]

29.Re1 0.41/18
[29.Qxg6± 1.34/20 fxg6 30.Kf2]
29...Qh6 30.f4 0.01/20
[30.e6± 0.38/19 fxe6 31.Rxe6
(31.Nxe6 Re8=)]
30...Qb6? 4.67/19



31.Qxd3



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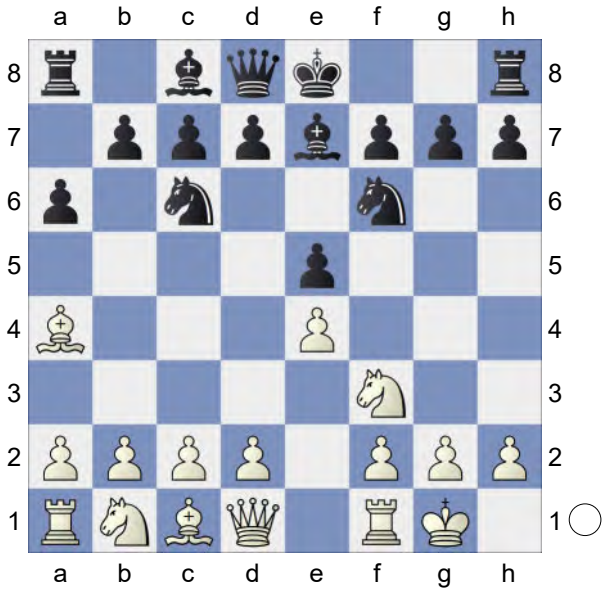
53 **C89**
□ **Roebers,Eline** **2331**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2505**
Hoogeveen 2024 | Crown group (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack 42/427 Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: '42/427 '' Nunn,John DM: 'Nunn,J: 'Inf 42/427'' Matanovic,A: 'Inf 31/396' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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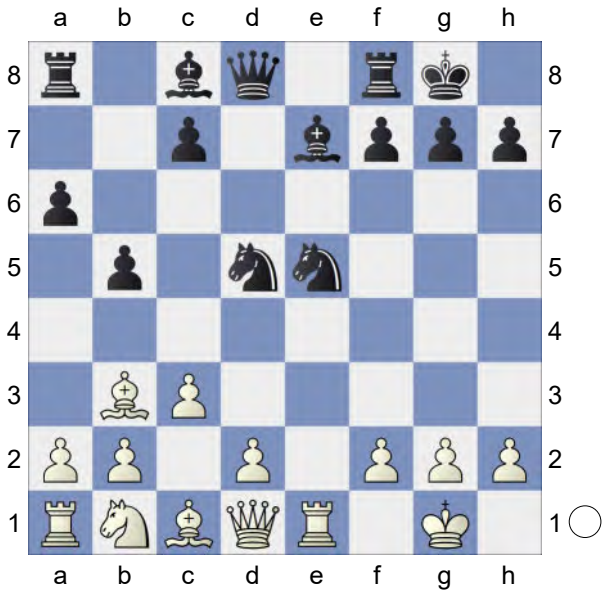

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2 Qh4 14.g3 Qh5 15.Nd2 Bf5

[15...Bh3 16.f3 Bc7 17.a4 b4 18.c4 Nf6 19.Ne4 Qg6 *(19...Qxf3 20.Ng5 Qh5 21.Nxh3 Qxh3 22.Bg5 Ng4 23.Qf1 Qh5 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Rae8 26.Rae1 c5* C 89/16) 20.Nf2 Bf5 21.Bc2 Rfe8 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Kg2 Rd8 25.Be3 Bb6 26.Qb3 Bxd4 27.Rd1 c5 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Qxb4 Qd7 30.Qb6 Short,N (2615)-Nunn,J (2590) Bruxelles 1986 Inf 42 [Nunn,J] 0-1 (39)]

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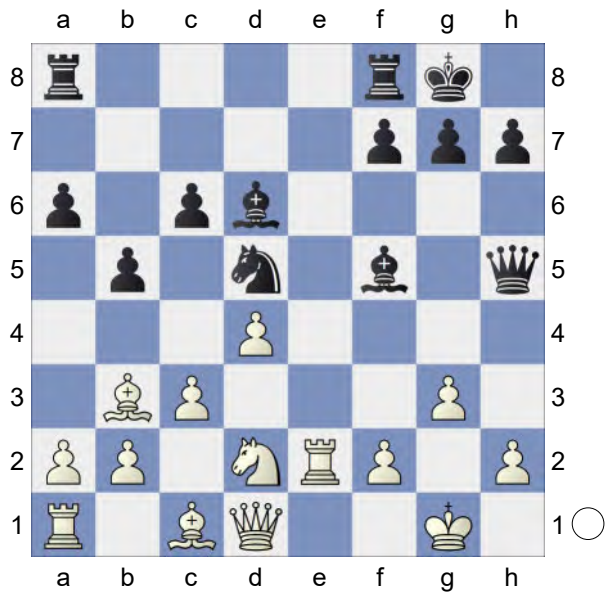

16.f3N 0.03/19
[16.Re1± 0.52/20 Qxd1 *(16...Qg6 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Nh4 Qh5 19.f3 Bh3 20.Ng2 Rae8 21.Re4 g5 22.Bd2 Re6 23.Qe2 Rh6 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bf4 26.Qf2 Bxd2 27.g4 Qh4 28.Qxd2 Rf6 29.Qe3 h5 30.Re5 Rf4 31.gxh5* Sax,G (2560)-Pinter,J (2550) Budapest 1981 The Total Marshall [Matanovic, Informator] ½-½ (66) *Bf5 32.Kh1 Qxh5 33.Rg1 Kh8 34.Rg3 f6 35.Re7 Rh4 36.Qf2 Re8 37.Rxe8+ Qxe8 38.Rg1 Qh5 39.Re1 Rf4 40.Bd1 Rh4 41.Qg3 Rf4* ½-½ (41) Sax,G-Pinter,J Magyarorszag (ch) 31/396 1981 CI1-130 [Matanovic,Aleksandar]*)*
17.Rxd1]
16...Rae8 17.Qe1 Rd8 0.58/20
[17...Bd7= 0.07/19]
18.Qf2± Nf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Bg4

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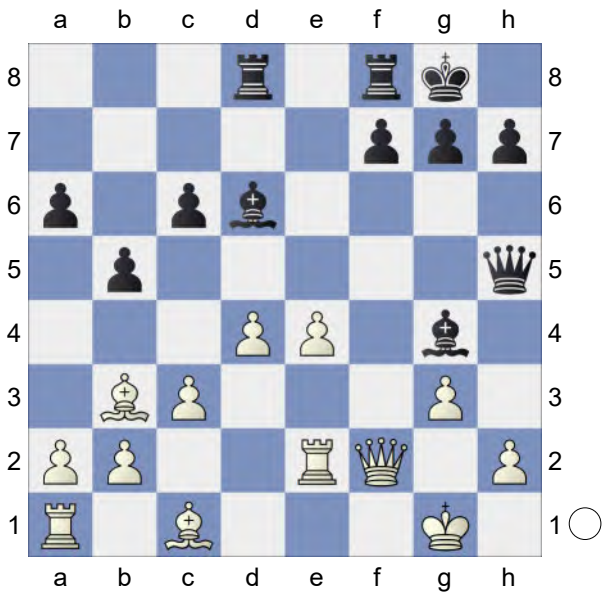
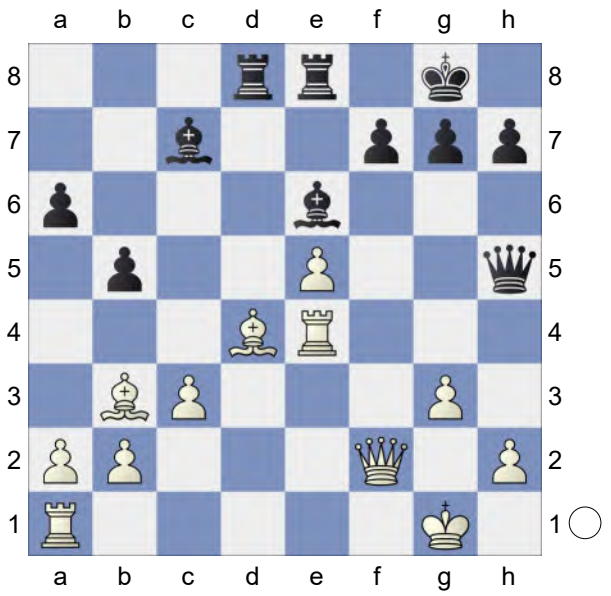
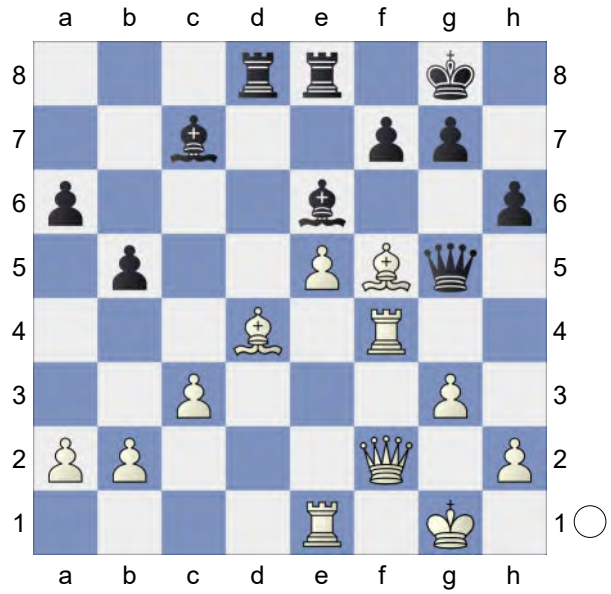


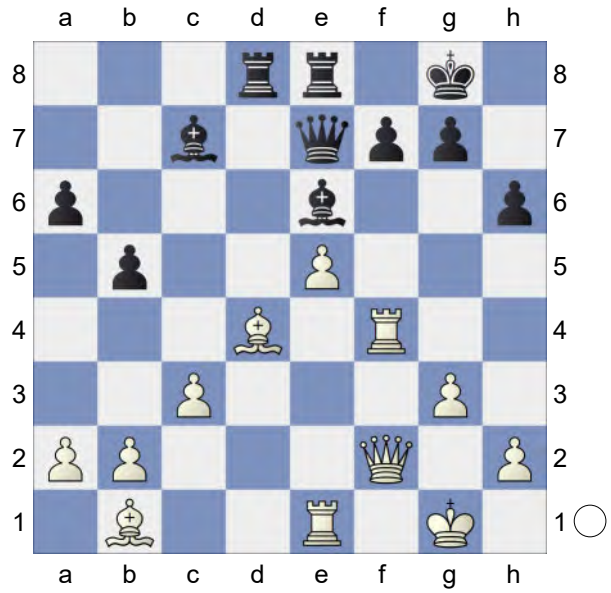
21.Re1 c5 1.05/19
[21...a5± 0.70/17]
22.Be3 0.59/19
[22.e5± 1.05/19 c4 23.Bc2 *(23.exd6 cxb3 24.axb3 Rxd6±)*]
22...cxd4 23.Bxd4 Rfe8 0.78/21
[23...Be5± 0.42/17]
24.e5 Bc7 25.Re4 Be6



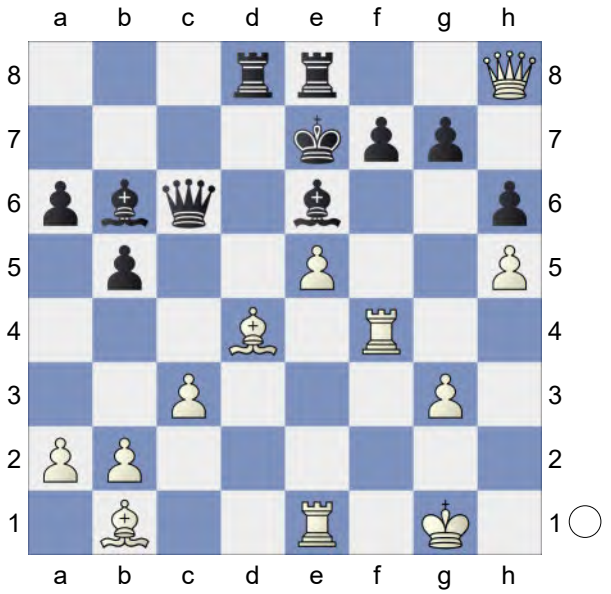
26.Bc2 aiming for Rh4. **26...h6 27.Rae1 Bd5** 0.92/20
[27...Qg5± 0.60/17]
28.Rf4± Qg5 29.Bf5 Be6 1.28/19
[⌓29...h5 0.89/19]



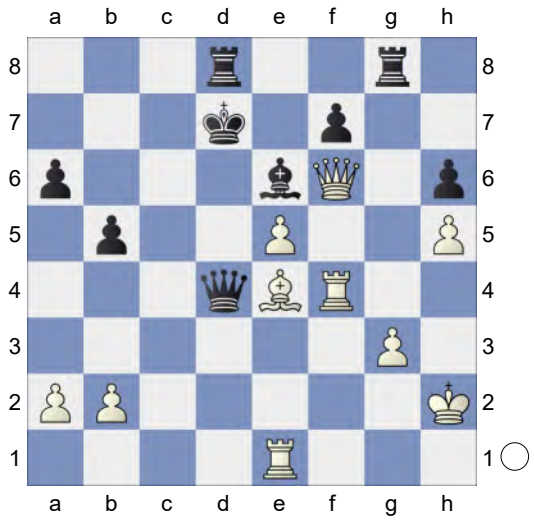
30.Bb1 0.51/17
[30.h4!± 1.28/19 Qe7 31.Bb1]
30...Qe7 1.26/18
[30...Bh3!± 0.51/17]



31.h4 Qd7 1.83/20
[31...b4± 1.11/16]
32.h5+- Qc2 is the strong threat.
32...Qc6? 3.73/21
[32...Qe7 1.97/20 is a better defense.]
33.Qc2 Bb6 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+ Ke7

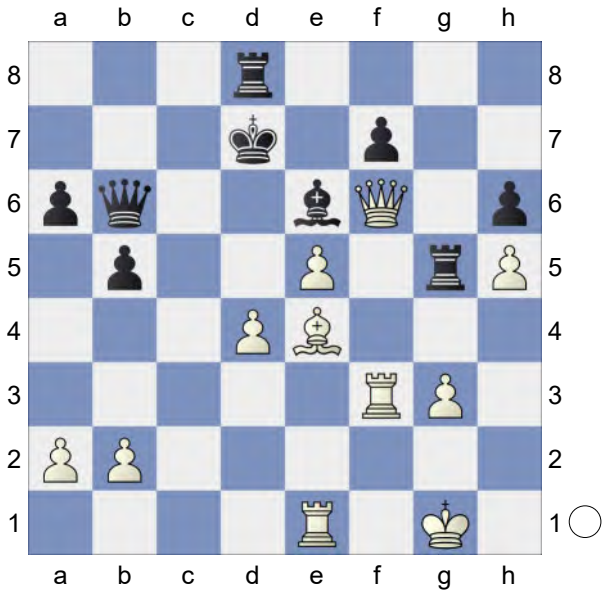


36.Qxg7 Bxd4+ 37.cxd4 Dancing on a razor blade.
[But not 37.Rxd4 Rxd4 38.Qf6+ *(38.cxd4 Rd8+-)* 38...Kd7 39.cxd4 Rg8+-]
37...Rg8 38.Qf6+ Kd7 39.Rf3 1.88/19
[⌓39.Be4 3.90/19 Qb6 40.Kh2 Qxd4

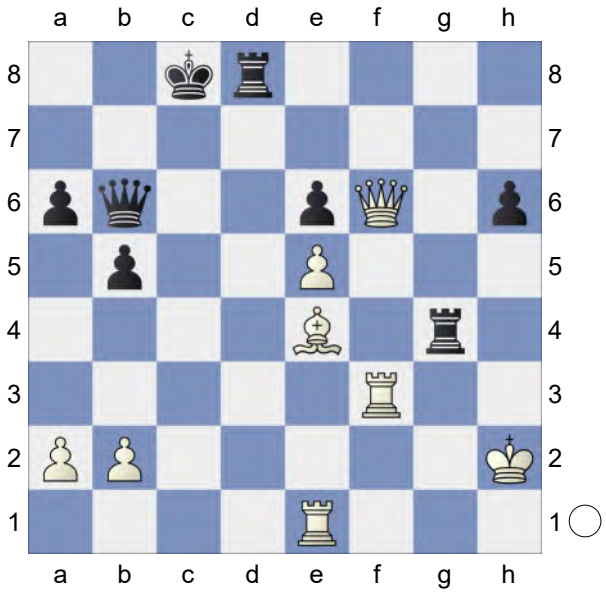


41.Bc6+! Kxc6 42.Rxd4 Rxd4 43.Qxh6]
39...Rg5? 4.65/23
[39...Qd5 1.88/19]
40.Be4 Qb6

(Diagram)

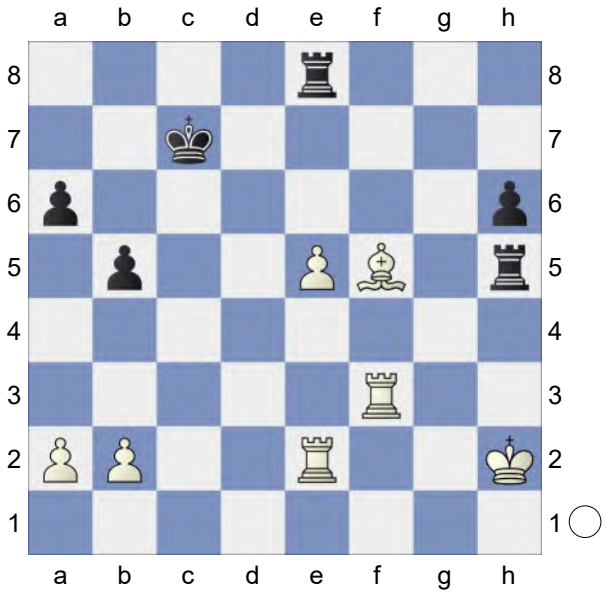


41.Kg2 Black must now prevent d5. **41...Rxh5 42.g4 Rg5?** 7.72/21
[42...Rg8 3.96/20]
43.d5
[Not 43.Bf5 Kc8+-]
43...Rxg4+ 44.Kh2 Kc8 45.dxe6 fxe6

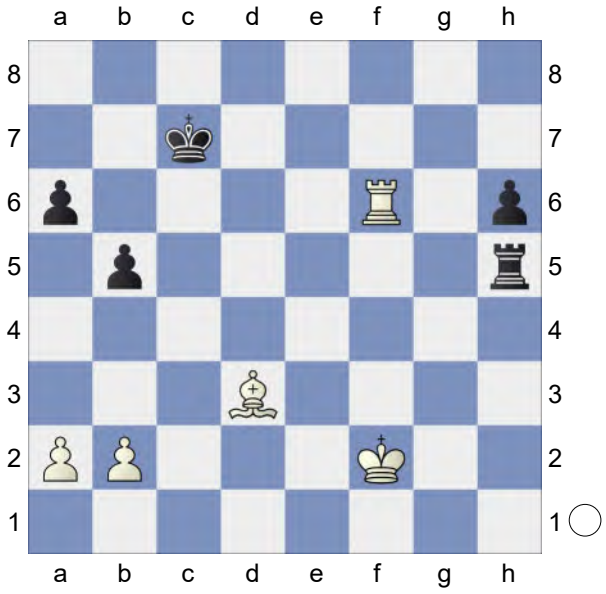


46.Bf5! Rg5
[46...Rd2+ 47.Kh3]
47.Qxe6+ Qxe6 48.Bxe6+ Kc7 49.Re2 Inhibits Rd2. **49...Re8 50.Bf5 Rh5+**

(Diagram)

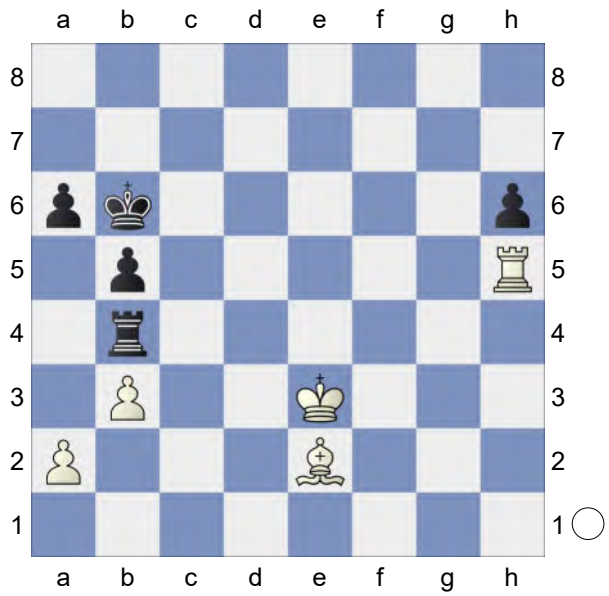


51.Kg1 Rg8+ 52.Kf2 Rgg5 53.Bd3 Rxe5 54.Rxe5 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KR **55.Rf6 Rh5**

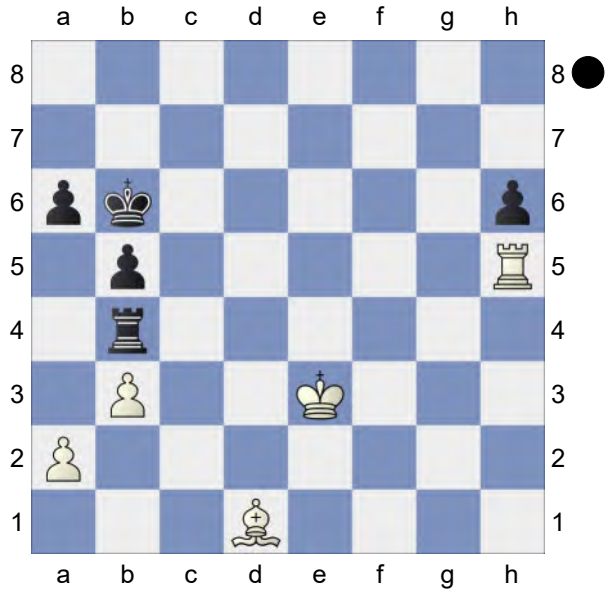


56.Ke3 Rh2 57.Be2 Kb7 58.Rf5 Strongly threatening Rh5. White is clearly winning. **58...Rh4 59.Rh5 Rb4 60.b3 Kb6**

(Diagram)



61.Bd1



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54 **C89**
□ **RomanK_13** **2678**
■ **itakitsu** **2597**
Blitz 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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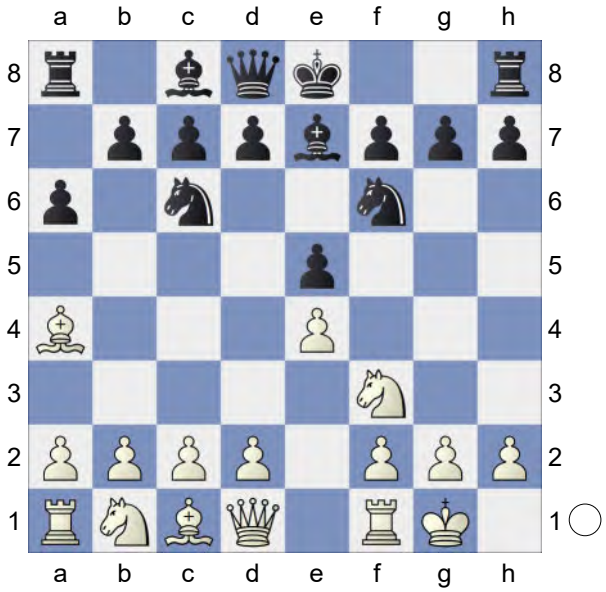
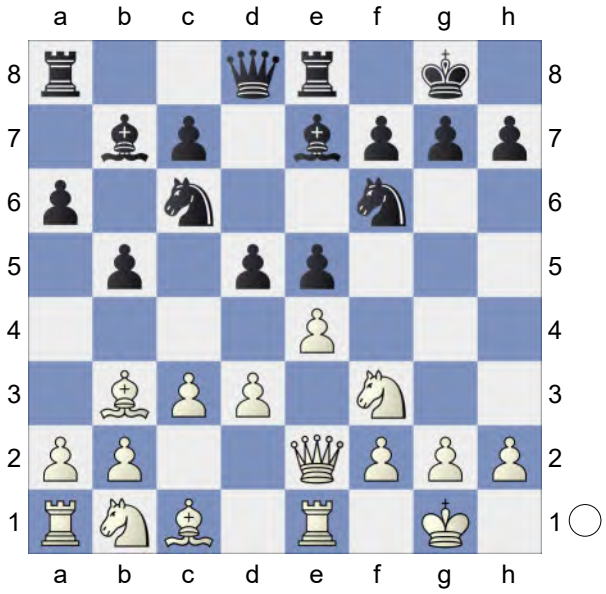
C86: Closed Ruy Lopez: Worrall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 Re8N
[9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1 11.Bxd1 *(11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+* Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39) *)* 11...Bb7 *(11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5* Z v e z d o g l i a d - K o s h m a k , Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64)*)* 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6 The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]
[9...Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 d4 12.Nf1 Qd7 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.Ngf5 Rfe8 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bg5 Rec8 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rec1 Nb7 23.Bb3 Jassa-Nassif,J Syrakus 1975 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]]
10.Qe2 Bb7



11.Nbd2 Bc5 0.48/18
[11...Bf8= -0.06/18]
12.h3 -0.01/17
[12.exd5± 0.48/18 Na5 13.Bc2 Nxd5 14.Ne4]
12...Qd7 13.Nf1 dxe4 The position is equal. **14.dxe4 Na5 15.Bc2 Rad8?** 2.23/19
[15...Nc4= 0.16/18 and Black has nothing to worry.]

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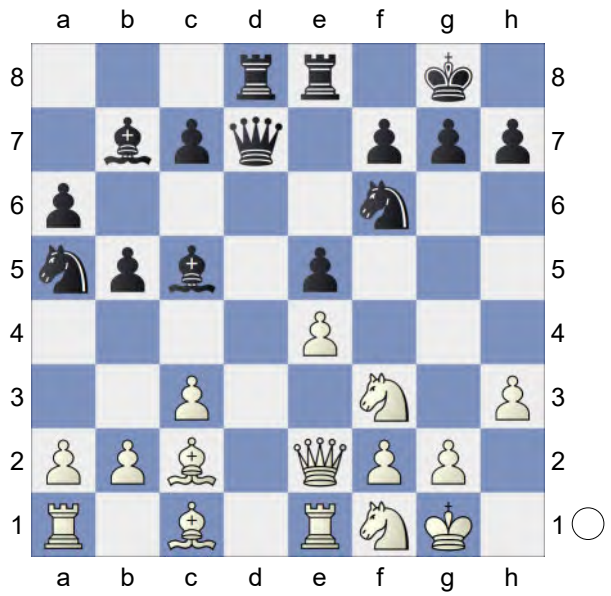
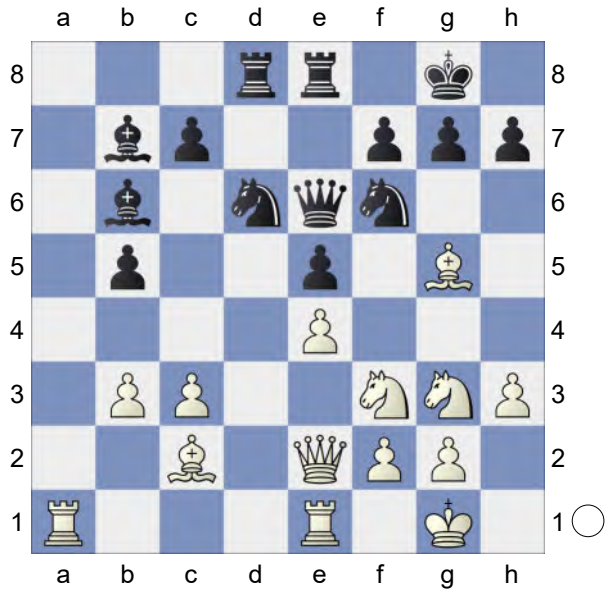


16.Ng3? 0.23/20
[16.b4+- 2.23/19]
16...Nc4= 17.a4 Bb6 0.56/20
[17...h6= 0.11/19]
18.b3
[18.Bg5 is interesting. Nxb2 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nh5]
18...Nd6 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.axb5 axb5



21.Red1 h6 22.Be3 Ndxe4? 1.79/24
[22...c5= 0.10/18]

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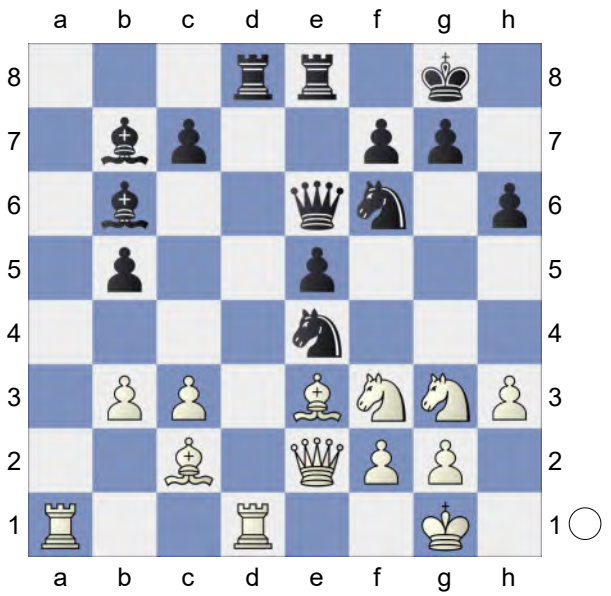
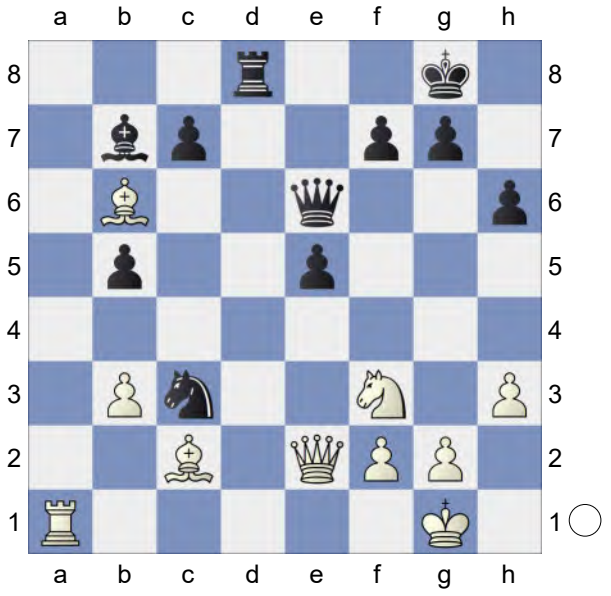
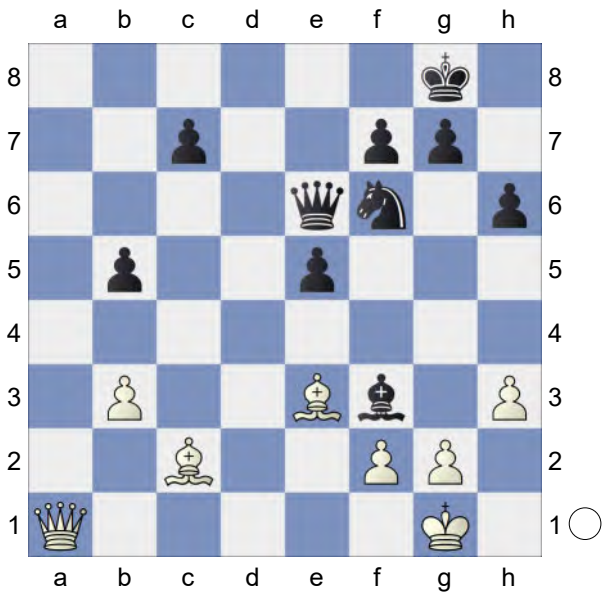


23.Rxd8!+- Rxd8 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Bxb6 Nxc3

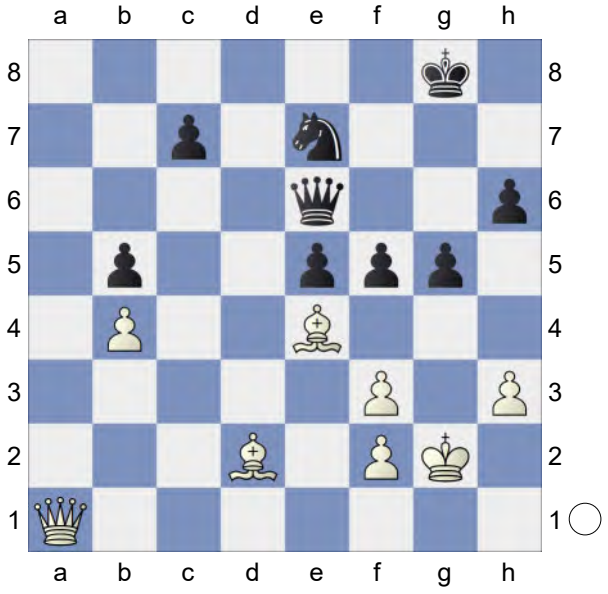


26.Qe1 Nd5 27.Be3 Nf6 28.Rd1 Ra8 2.91/23
[⌓28...Re8 1.89/22 29.Qe2 b4]
29.Ra1? 0.01/20
[29.Qc3+- 2.91/23]
29...Rxa1?? 3.30/22
[29...Rd8!= 0.01/20 and Black is okay.]
30.Qxa1 Bxf3

(Diagram)



31.gxf3 g5 32.Kg2 Nd5 33.Bd2 f6? 4.18/28
[33...Qd6 2.57/22 34.Be4 Kg7]
34.Be4 Qa8+ is the strong threat.
34...Ne7 35.b4 f5



36.Bb1 Kf8 37.Ba2 Qd6 38.Qc3 Nd5 39.Qb3 c6 40.Qb2 Ke7

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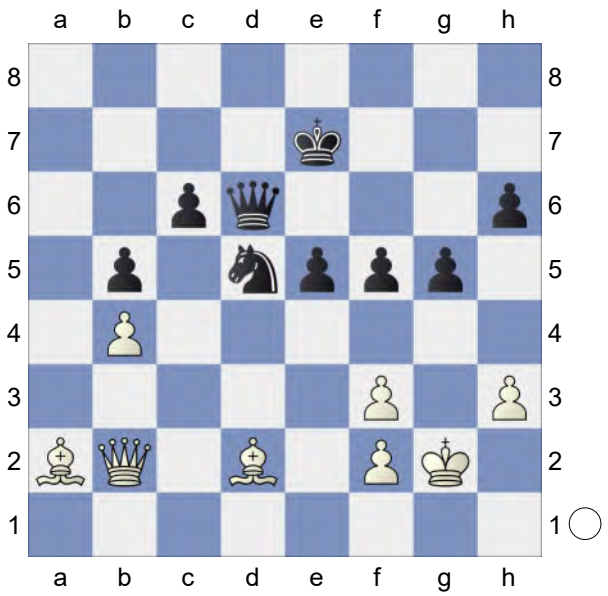
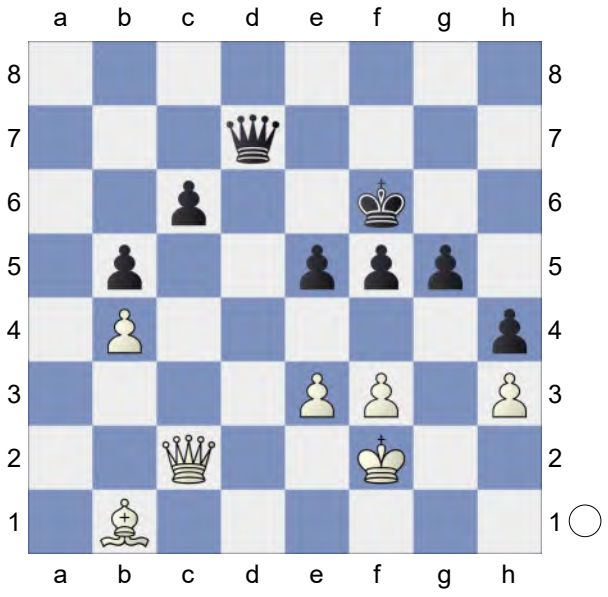


41.Be3 aiming for Bc5. **41...Nxe3+ 42.fxe3 h5** 2.73/22
[⌓42...f4 1.89/21]
43.Qc2? 0.54/21
[Better is 43.Bb1+- 2.73/22]
43...Kf6 3.34/22
[43...Qxb4± 0.54/21 44.Kf1 Qd6]
44.Bb1 Qd7 45.Kf2 h4



46.Ke2 Qe6 47.Ba2 Qd6 48.Qb3 Qd7 Inhibits Qf7+. **49.Qg8 Qe7 50.Qh8+ Kg6**

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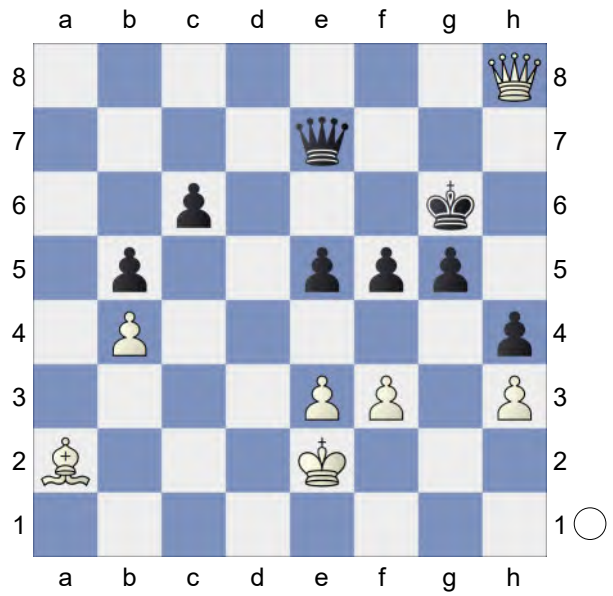
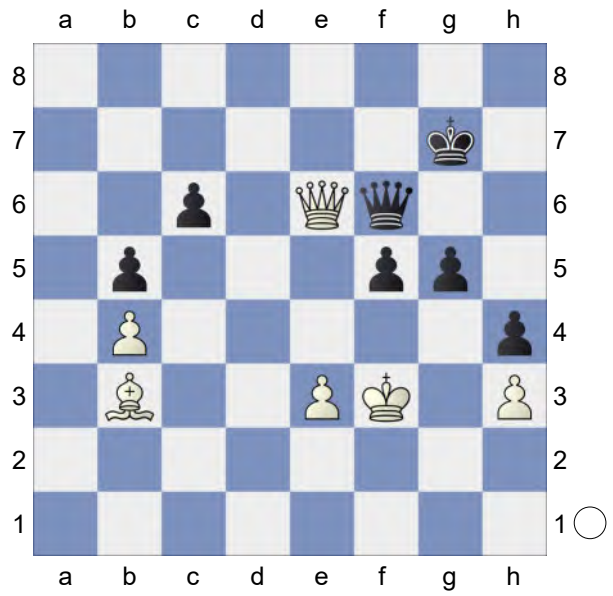
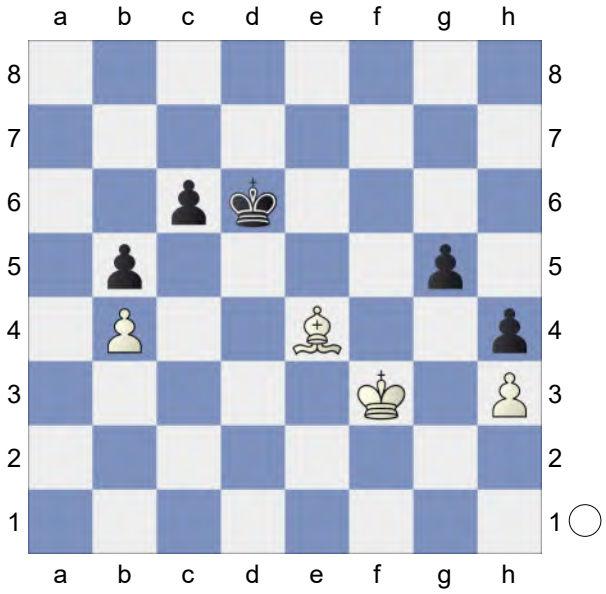


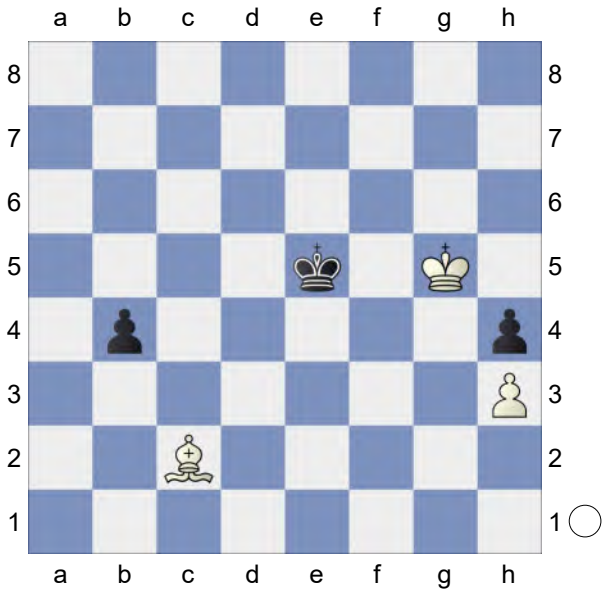
51.Qg8+? -0.01/21
[51.Qc8+- 6.84/25 Qf6 52.Qg8+ Qg7 53.Qe8+ Kh6 54.Bf7]
51...Kh6? 11.90/28
[51...Kf6= -0.01/21 52.Bb3 Qd7 53.Qh8+ Kg6 54.Qxe5 Qd8]
52.Bf7 Qf6 Inhibits Qh8+. **53.Bb3 e4 54.Qe6 exf3+ 55.Kxf3 Kg7**



56.Qxf6+? 2.32/5
[56.Qg8+ 12.95/28 Kh6 57.Qf7 g4+ 58.hxg4 fxg4+ 59.Kxg4 Qg5+ 60.Kf3]
56...Kxf6 Endgame KB-KP **57.e4 Ke5 58.exf5 Kxf5 59.Bc2+ Ke5 60.Be4 Kd6**



61.Kg4 c5 62.bxc5+ Kxc5 63.Kxg5 KB-KPP **63...Kd4 64.Bf5 Ke5 65.Bc2** Threatens to win with Bb3. **65...b4**



66.Bb3 White mates. **66...Kd6 67.Kxh4** KB-KP **67...Ke7 68.Kg5 Kf8 69.Kg6 Ke7 70.h4 Kd6**

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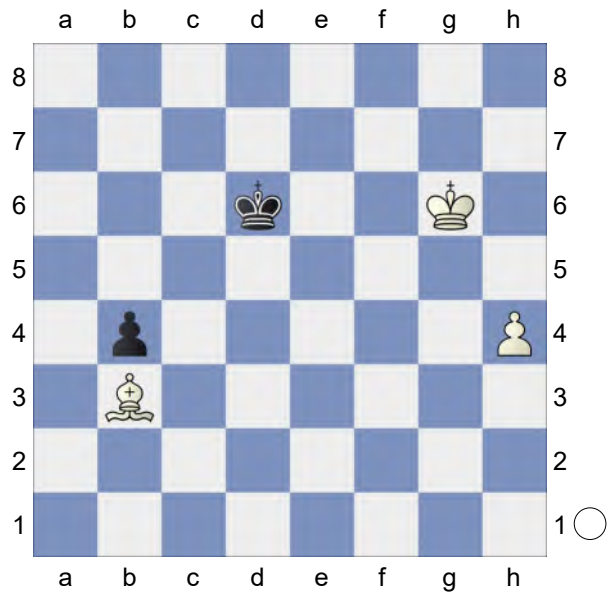
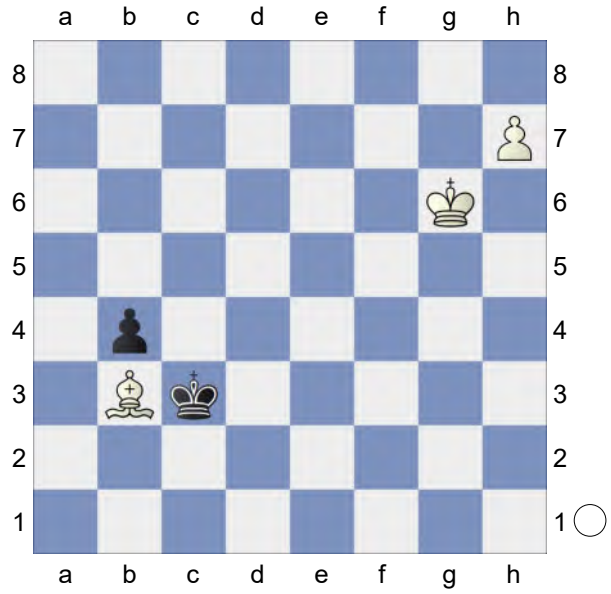


71.h5 Kc5 72.h6 Kd4 73.h7 Kc3



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55 **C89**
□ **rusert13** **2459**
■ **lsb1** **2604**
Blitz 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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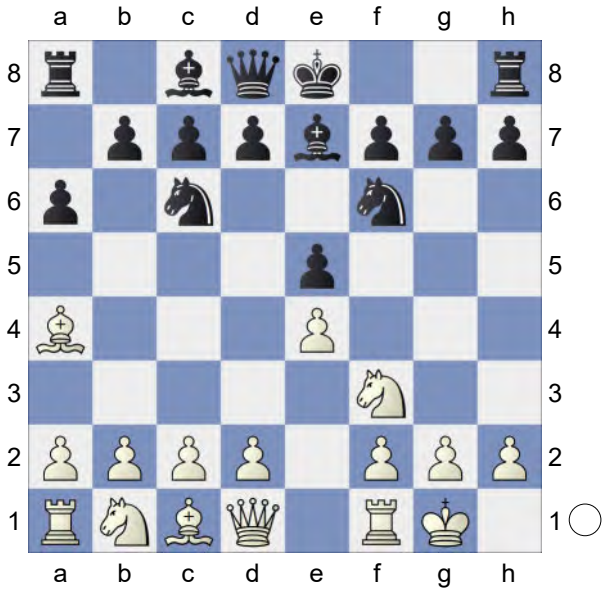
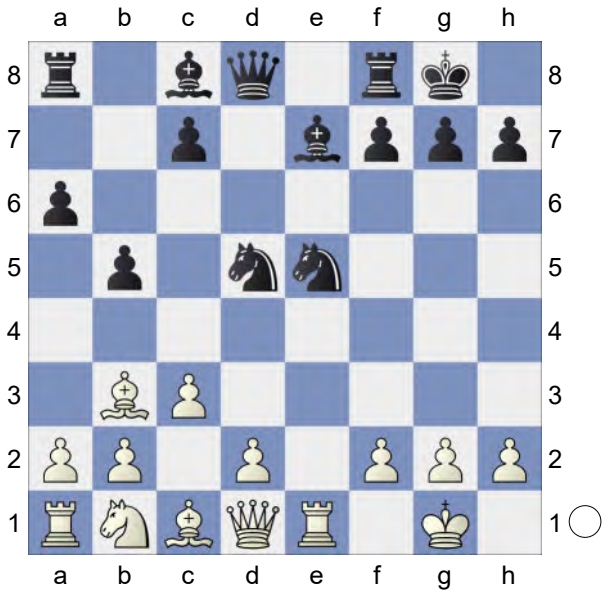
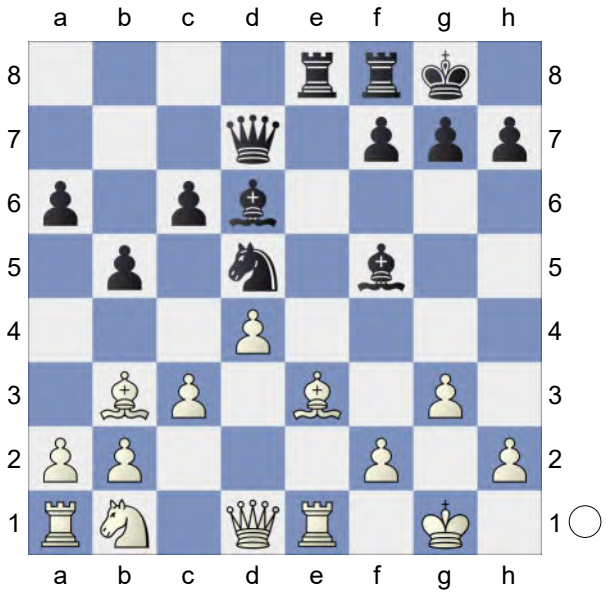
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



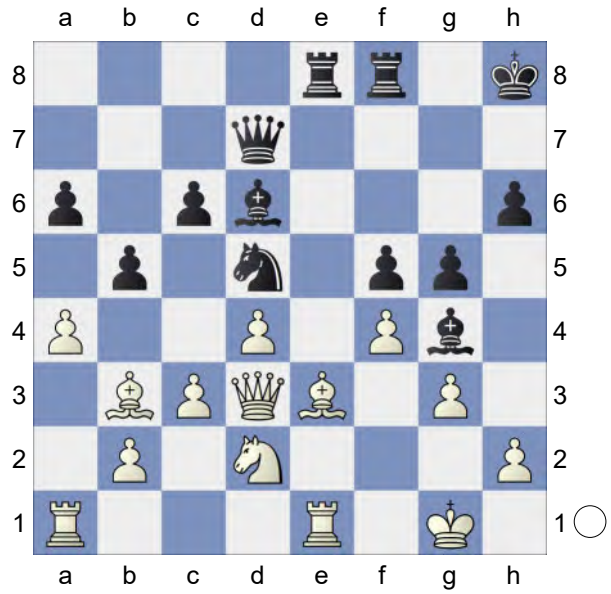
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.d4 Qd7 15.Be3 Rae8

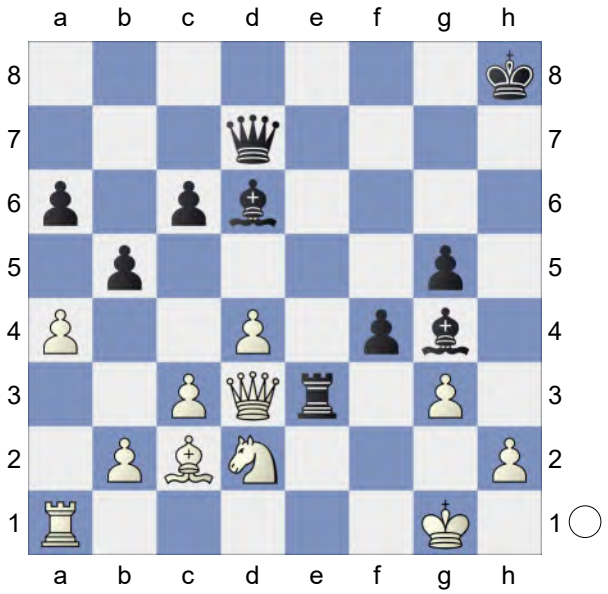


The position is equal. **16.Nd2 Bg4**
17.Qc2 h6
[17...Bf5 18.Qc1 Re7 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.Nh4 Rfe8 21.Qd2 h6 22.Qd3 g6 23.Bd1 Bh3 24.Bf3 g5 25.Ng2 Bf5 26.Qd1 Nf6 27.a4 Ne4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Qa1 Bc8 31.Ra8 Bb8 32.Bc1 Anand,V (2811)-Kramnik,V (2800) London 2011 CBM 146 [Postny,Evgeny] ½-½ (39)]
18.Qd3N
[18.Ne4 Bf3 19.Nxd6 Qh3 Marshall 12. g3-14. d4 #6]
18...Kh8 0.64/15
[18...Bf5= -0.01/17 19.Qe2 Bg4]
19.a4 0.01/20
[19.Ne4± 0.64/15]
19...f5 0.96/17
[19...Bf5= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. 20.Qe2 Bg4]
20.f4 -0.46/22
[Better is 20.axb5± 0.96/17 axb5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.f3]
20...g5? 1.24/18
[20...Rxe3∓ -0.46/22 stays ahead. 21.Rxe3 Nxe3 22.axb5 *(22.Qxe3 Re8∓)* 22...cxb5! 23.Qxe3 Re8]

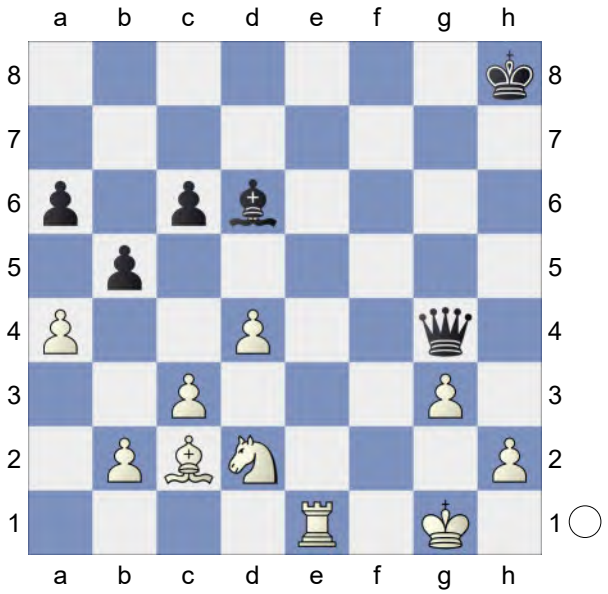


21.fxg5 0.29/17
[White should try 21.Bxd5± 1.24/18 cxd5 22.axb5 *(22.fxg5 bxa4 23.gxh6 Re6+-)*]
21...f4 22.Bf2 Qg6 is the strong threat.
22...hxg5 1.63/18
[22...fxg3!= 0.28/18 and Black is okay. 23.hxg3 *(23.Bxg3 Nf4=)* 23...Qf7]
23.Rxe8 0.46/18
[23.Qg6+- 1.63/18 Re6 24.Rxe6 *(24.Qxg5? Be7-+)* 24...Qxe6 25.Qxg5]
23...Rxe8? 2.41/18
[23...Qxe8± 0.46/18 24.Re1 *(24.Bc2 Bf5=)* 24...Qf7]
24.Bc2? 0.71/17
[24.axb5+- 2.41/18 has better winning chances. axb5 25.Qg6 fxg3 26.Bxg3 *(26.hxg3 Qe6±)* 26...Bxg3 27.hxg3]
24...Ne3 2.13/16
[24...Bh5± 0.71/17]
25.Bxe3+- Rxe3

(Diagram)

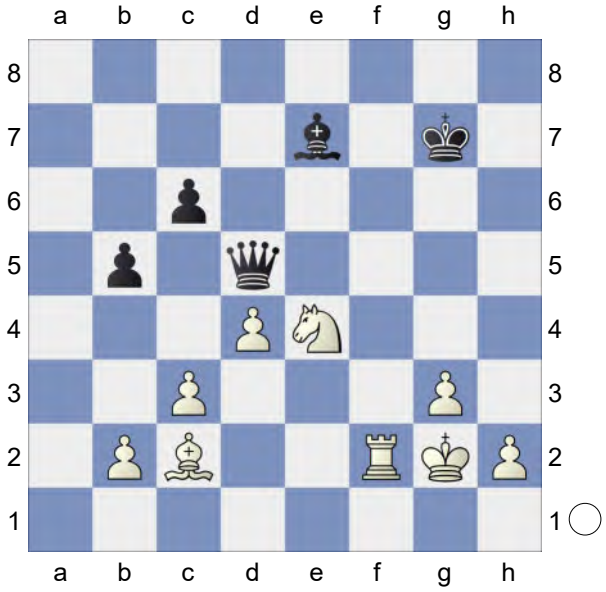


26.Qg6 Re6 27.Qxg5 Be7 28.Qxf4
[Much less strong is 28.Qxg4 Re1+ 29.Rxe1 Qxg4 30.Rxe7 fxg3+-]
28...Bd6 6.62/20
[⌓28...Rf6 4.16/19]
29.Qxg4? 2.31/21
[29.Qg5 6.62/20 aiming for Qh4+. Be7 30.Qxg4 Re1+ 31.Rxe1 Qxg4 32.Rxe7]
29...Re1+ 30.Rxe1 Qxg4



31.Ne4 Be7 32.axb5 axb5 33.Kg2 Kg7 2.46/18
[⌓33...Qe6 1.80/20]

34.Rf1 Qe6 2.21/17
[34...b4± 1.51/17 35.Rf2 Qe6]
35.Rf2 Qd5 2.16/20
[35...b4± 1.33/19 might work better.
36.Rd2 Qf5]



36.h3 1.17/23
[36.b4!+- 2.16/20]
36...b4± 37.Kh2 0.63/24
[White should play 37.Rd2± 1.21/22]
37...b3± 38.Bd3 Hoping for Nd2.
38...Bd8? 3.52/21
[38...c5± 0.94/22]
39.h4 Bc7? 6.79/19
[39...Be7 2.73/20 40.Nd2 Qh5]
40.Ng5+- Bd8

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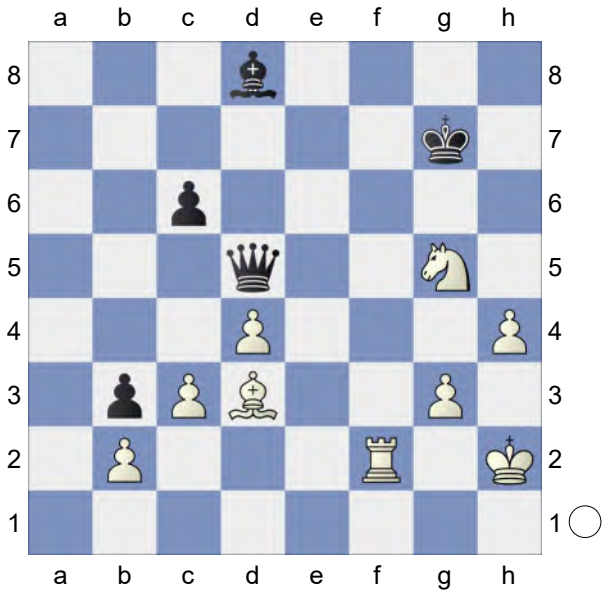
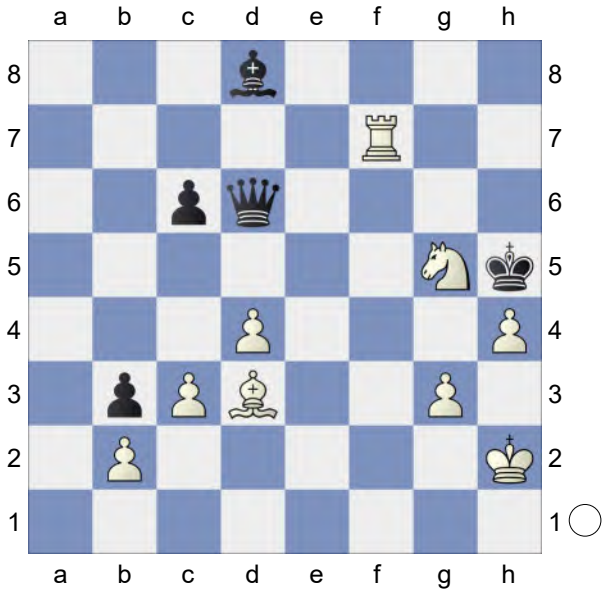
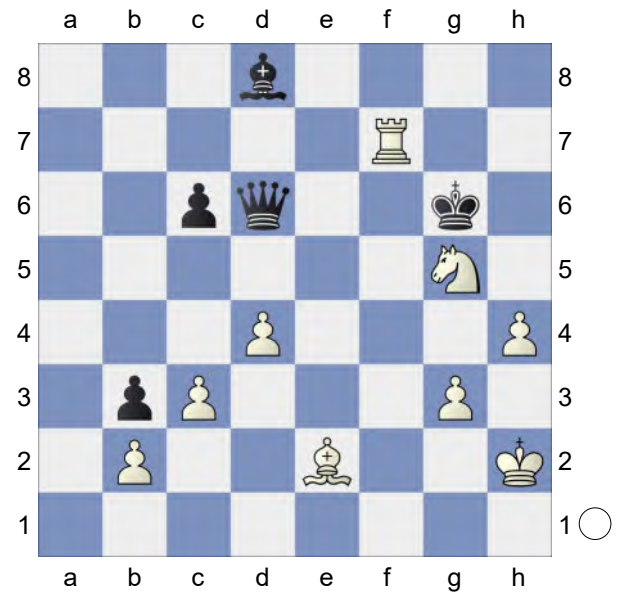


41.Rf7+ Kg8 42.Rf5 Qd6 43.Bc4+ Kg7 44.Rf7+ Kg6 45.Bd3+ Kh5



46.Rh7+ Kg4 47.Be2+ Kf5 48.Rf7+ Kg6

(Diagram)



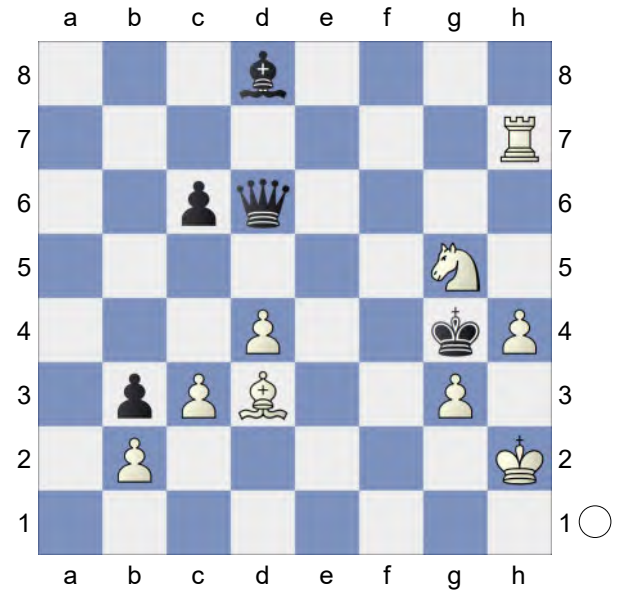
49.Bd3+? 0.01/5

[49.Ne4!+- 4.43/20 Qe6 *(49...Qd5 50.Bd3)* 50.Bd3! Qxf7 51.Nd6+ Kg7 52.Nxf7 Kxf7 53.Be4]

49...Kh5= 50.Rh7+? 0.01/21

[50.Kh3+- 15.03/23 Intending Rh7+ and mate. Qg6 51.g4+ Kh6 52.Bxg6 Kxg6 53.Rf5 Bf6 54.h5+ Kg7 55.Ne4]

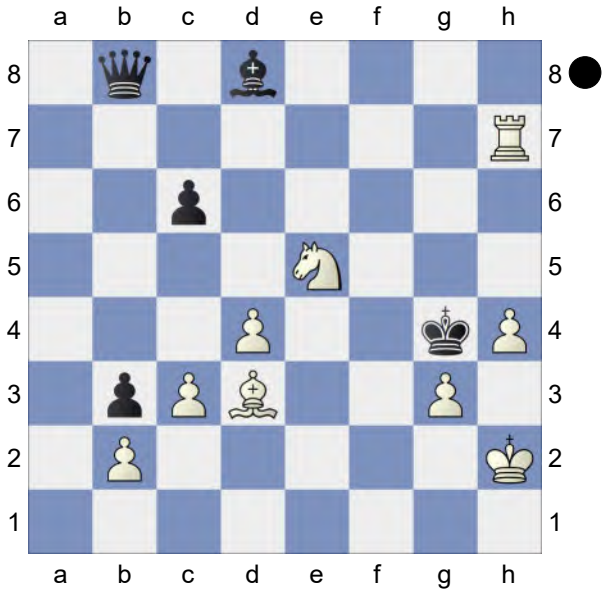
50...Kg4



51.Be2+? 0.01/5

[51.Ne4!+- 8.95/31 Qf8 52.Be2+ Kf5 53.Nc5]

51...Kf5 52.Nf7 Qb8 53.Bd3+ Kg4 54.Ne5+



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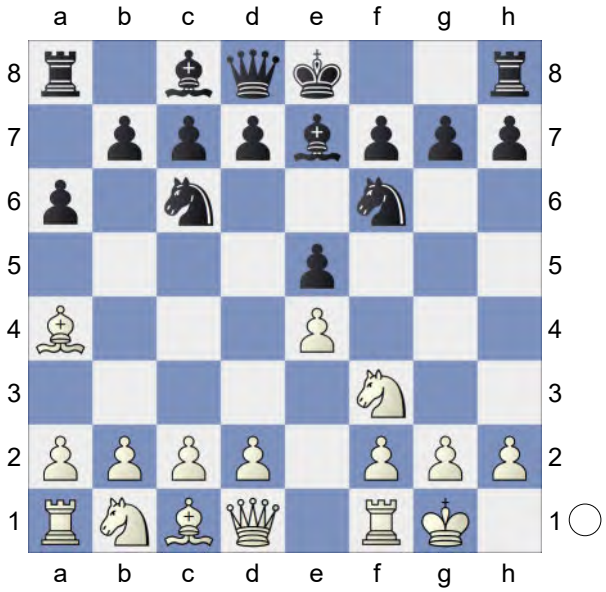
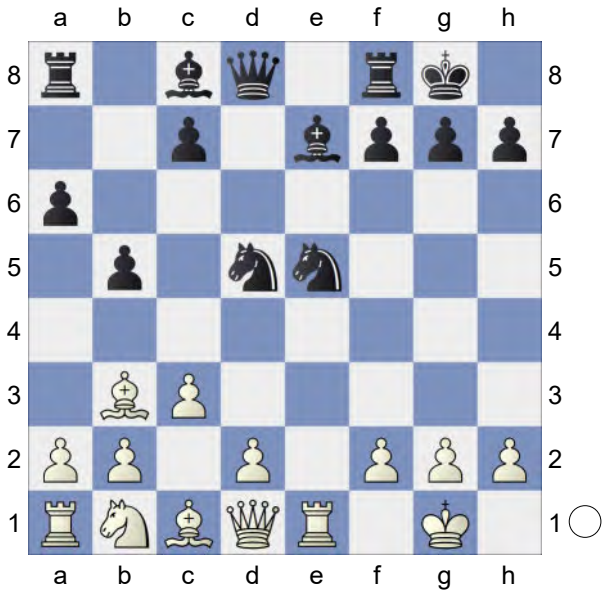
56 **C89**
□ **Salemgareev,Tagir** **2428**
■ **Smirnov,P** **2483**
Kurnosov Mem Rapid 2024 (8.4) 8.9.24
[Kitty Kat]

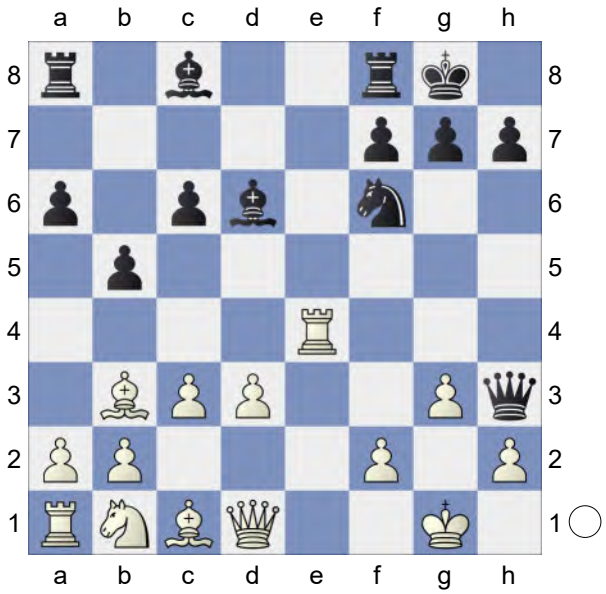
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Smikovski,I: 'Inf 83/(337)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



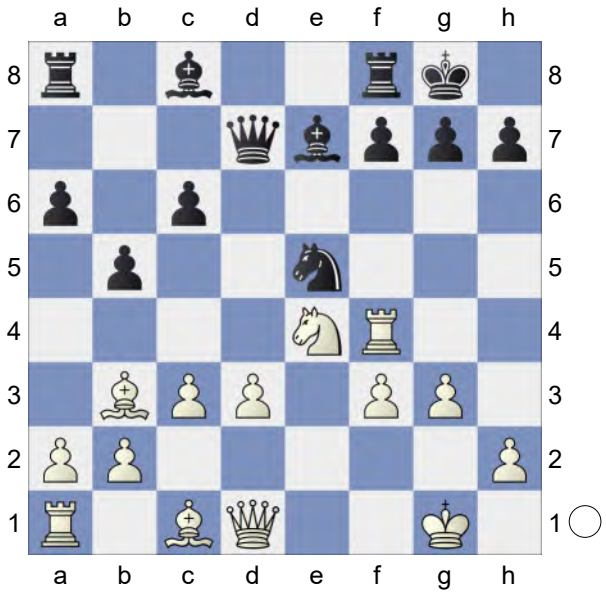
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6

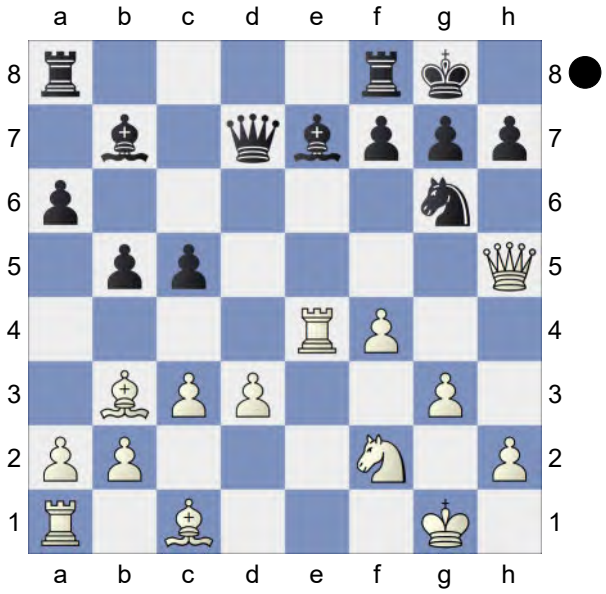


16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4! is recently more successful than 17...g5.
ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 17...g5.
18.Ne4 -0.50/20
[18.Qe2± 0.51/20]
18...Be7∓ Black has compensation.
19.f3! Ne5
[19...Bxh4? 20.fxg4 Qg6 21.g5+- *(21.gxh4 Bxg4 22.Qd2 Be6+ 23.Qg2 Bxb3+-)*]
20.Rf4 Qd7



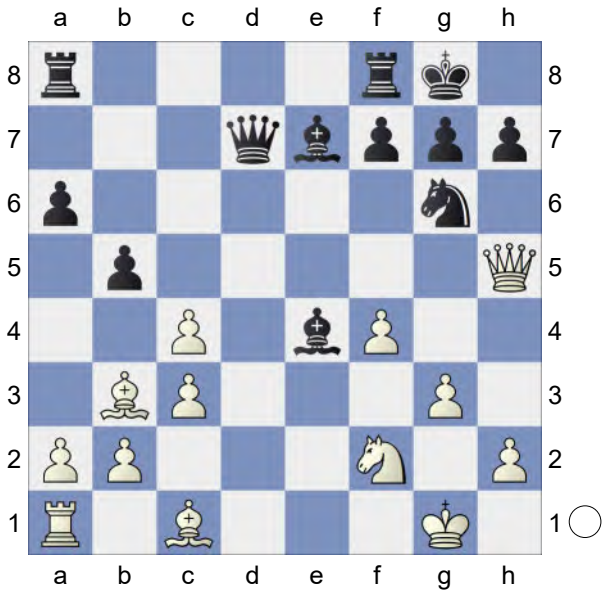
21.Nf2J White is not keeping still

21...Ng6
[21...c5!?]
22.Re4 c5 23.f4N -0.52/20
[Vorgänger: 23.d4 Bb7 24.dxc5 Qxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Bxe4 26.Nxe4 Rfd8 27.Be3 Ne5! 28.Bd4 Nc6 29.Be3 Ne5 30.Bd4 Nc6 31.Be3 ½-½ Jakovenko,D (2536)-Smikovski,I (2503) RUS-chT Sibirian Zone 2001 (5)]
[23.h4= 0.18/20]
[23.Re3 Bb7 24.Qf1 Rfe8 25.Bd2 Bf8 26.Rae1 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Rd8 Chapter 5-Game 2 Chapter 5 Game 2]
23...Bb7∓ 24.Qh5 -1.29/21

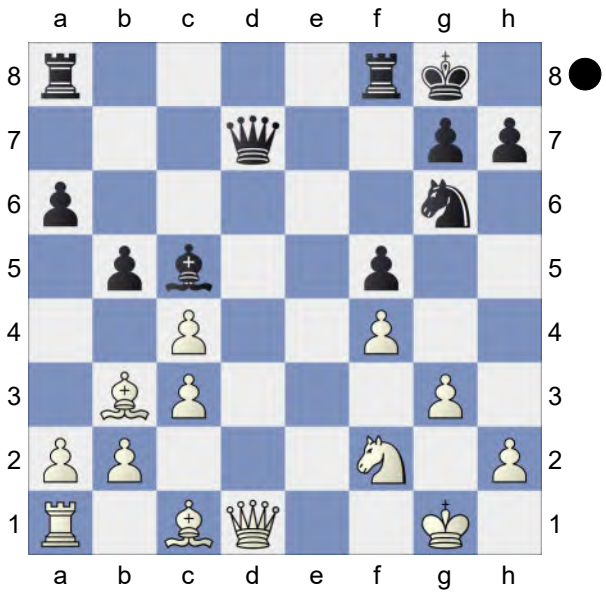


c4!∓ 25.dxc4 Bxe4 -0.20/21
[25...Rae8!∓ -1.22/22 ...Be7-d8 would now be deadly. 26.cxb5 Bxe4 27.Nxe4 Qd3]

(Diagram)

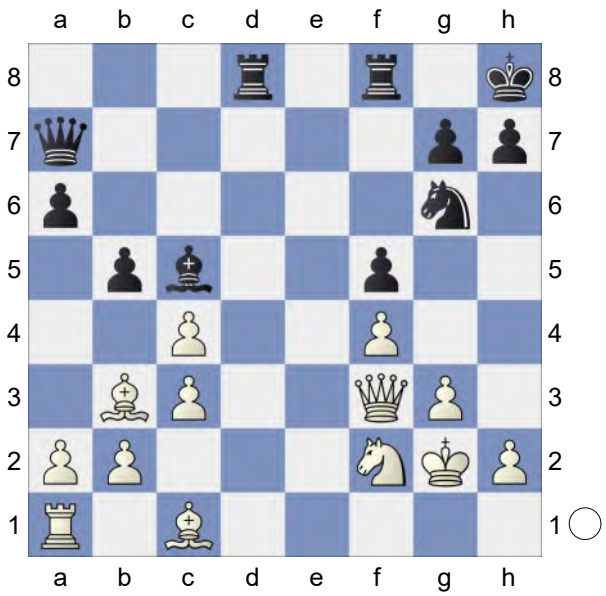


26.Nxe4= f5 27.Nf2 Bc5 28.Qd1 -0.88/24
[28.Qf3!= -0.25/21 remains equal.]

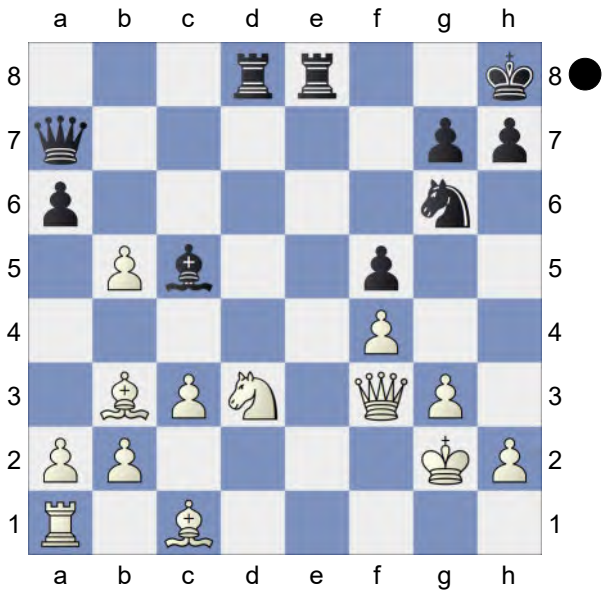


28...Qa7 -0.43/23
[28...Qxd1+ 29.Bxd1 bxc4 30.Be2=]
[28...Qe7!∓ -0.88/24 29.cxb5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kh8]
29.Kg2 Rad8
[29...Bxf2 30.c5+ Kh8 31.Kxf2=]
30.Qf3 Kh8

(Diagram)

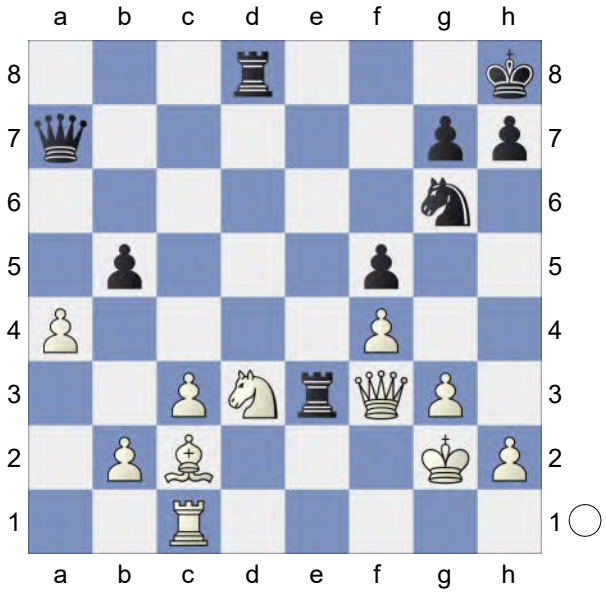


31.Nd3 Rfe8 32.cxb5 -1.49/23
[Better is 32.a4 -0.78/21 Be3 33.Nf2]

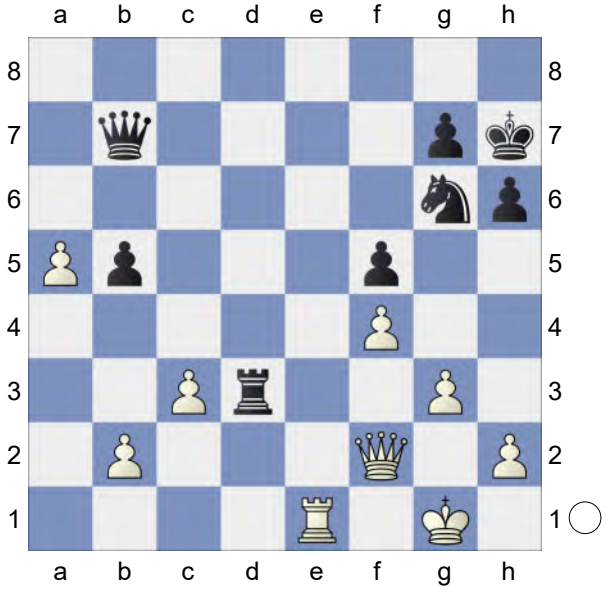


32...axb5 -0.75/22
[⩲32...Be3! -1.49/23 Threatens to win with ...Be3xc1. 33.Nf2 Rd6 *(33...axb5 34.Bxe3 Rxe3 35.Rd1∓)*]
33.Bc2 -1.23/22
[⩲33.Nxc5 -0.75/22 Qxc5 34.Qf1]
33...Be3∓ Black has more active pieces.
34.a4 -2.26/22
[34.Kf1∓ -1.25/21 might work better.]

34...Bxc1-+ 35.Rxc1 Re3
[35...bxa4 36.Rd1]



36.Qf2 Qb7+
[36...bxa4 37.Rd1-+]
37.Kg1 Rexd3 38.Bxd3 Rxd3 39.a5
[39.Qe2 Qb6+ *(39...Qa7+? 40.Kf1-+)* 40.Kh1]
39...h6 40.Re1 Kh7



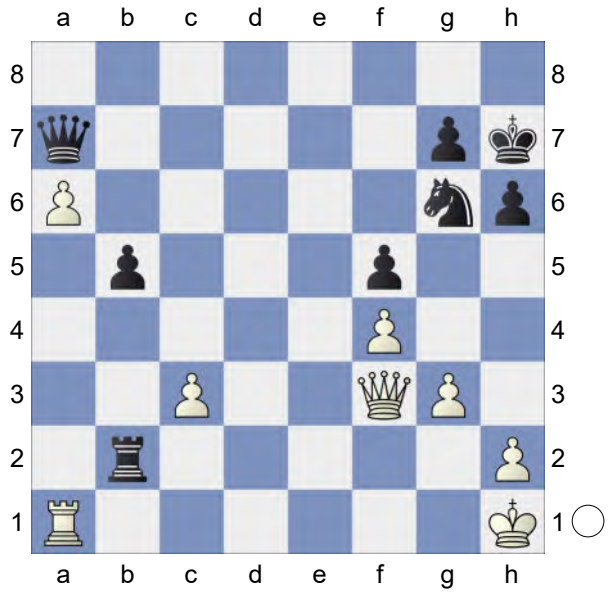
41.Ra1 Rd6 42.Qg2? -4.82/22
[42.b4 -3.00/21 was called for.]
42...Qd7 And now ...Rd6-d2 would win.
43.a6 -7.05/24

[⌓43.b4 -4.13/21]

43...Rd2 Black is clearly winning. **44.Qf3 Qa7+**

[44...Rxb2 45.a7 Qd2 46.a8Q+- *(46.a8R?* is the wrong capture. *Qxh2+ 47.Kf1 Qh3+ 48.Kg1 Nh4-+* Pin *)*]

45.Kh1 Rxb2



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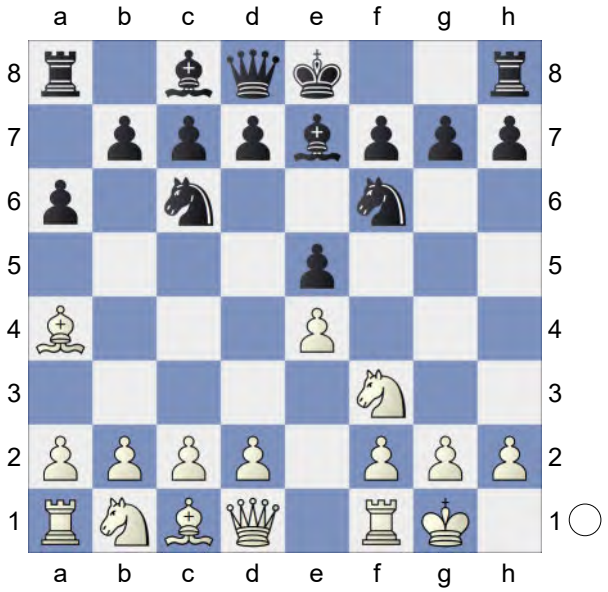
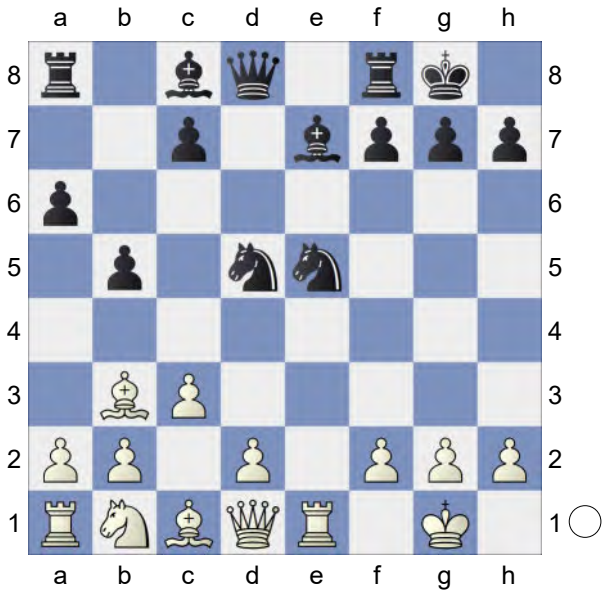
57 **C89**
□ **slabovid4** **2635**
■ **Trofimov_Matvey14** **2421**
Rapid 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

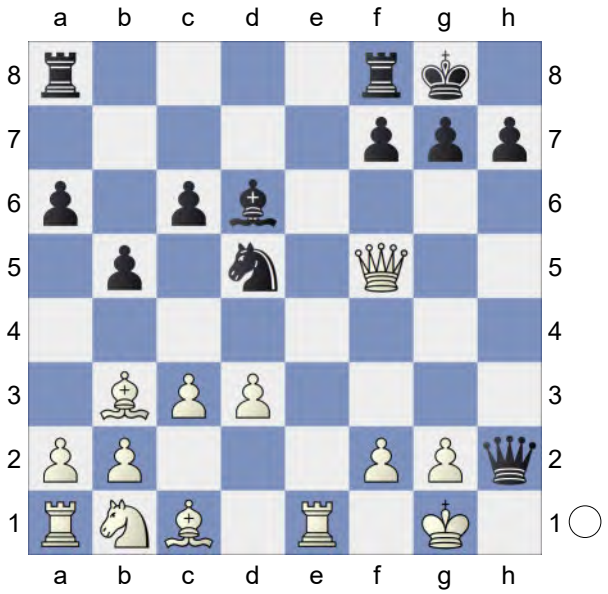
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



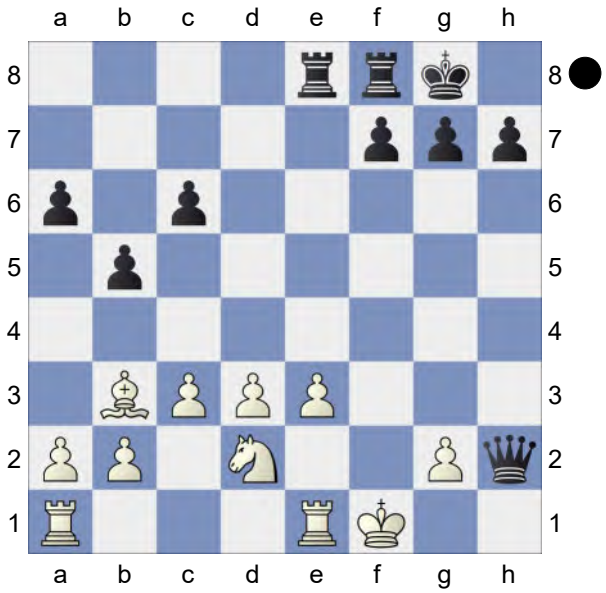
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.Qxf5 -0.01/22
[Much weaker is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
[15.g3!± 0.37/22 is superior.
A) 15...Qh3 16.Be3 *(16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3 Rf4+ ½-½ (29) Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest 2024)*
16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 Rfe8 19.a4 h6 20.Kg2 Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 Deslandes,P (2782)-C 06/32 (2812) Bulgaria 2014 Lexikon09 [Mulde] 1-0 (66);
B) 15...Qf6 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5]
15...Qxh2+=



16.Kf1 Rae8 The position is equal.
17.Be3N -8.06/22 Now White is beyond hope.

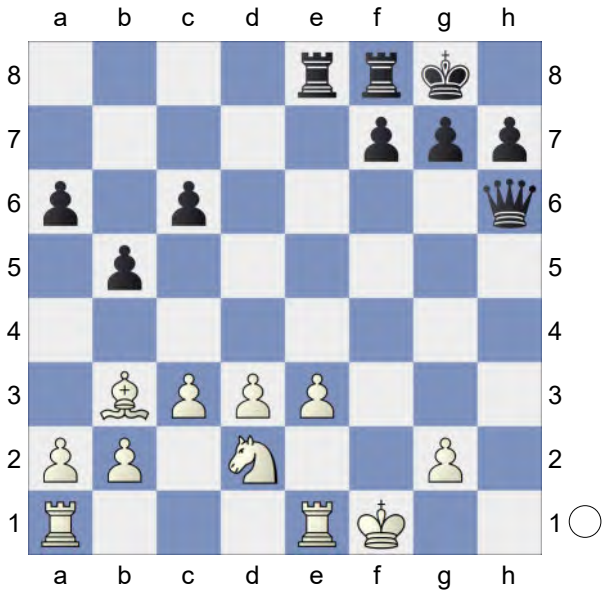
[17.Rxe8= 0.01/23 Rxe8 18.Be3 Qh1+ 19.Ke2 g6 20.Qf3 Qc1 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Qxd5 Bf8 Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A-15. Qxf5]

17...Nf4-+ 18.Qxf4 Bxf4 19.Nd2 Bxe3 20.fxe3



Qh6 -3.48/20

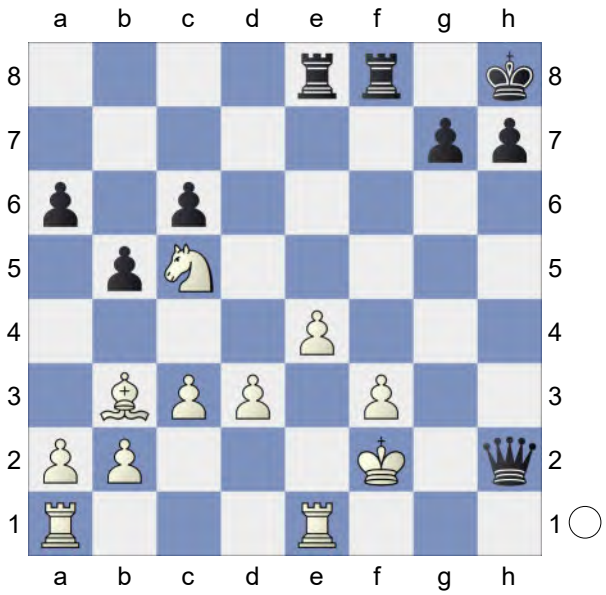
[⌓20...Rxe3!! -7.17/21 White must now prevent ...Rg3. 21.Nf3 Rxf3+! 22.gxf3 a5]



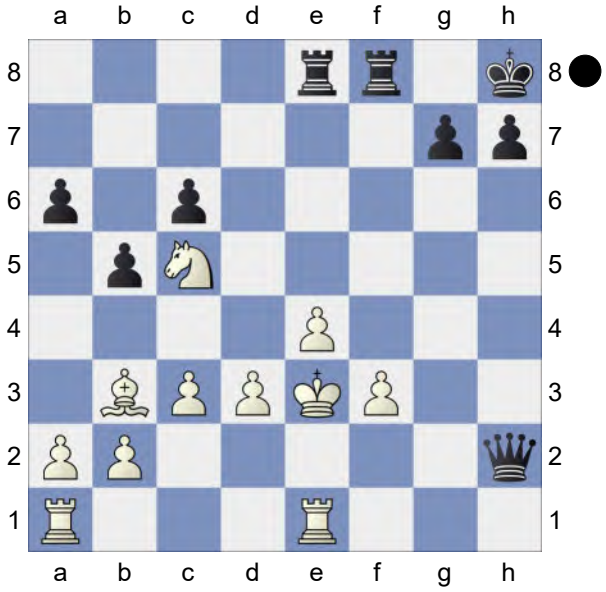
21.Ne4 -5.93/21

[21.Kf2 -3.48/20 is the only way for White.]

21...Kh8 Hoping for ...f5. **22.Kf2 f5 23.Nc5 f4** (-> ...f3!) **24.e4 f3 25.gxf3 Qh2+**



26.Ke3

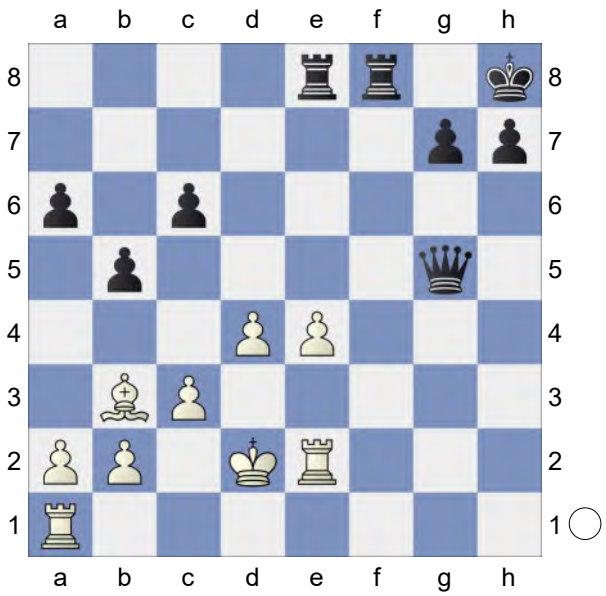


Qf4+ -10.61/22

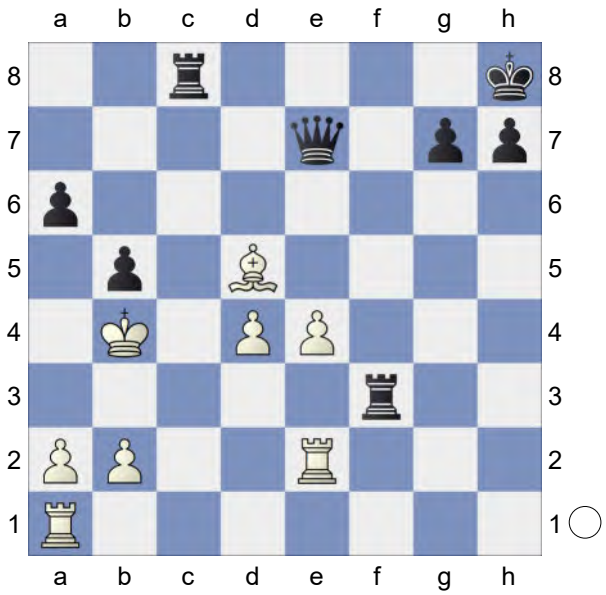
[⌓26...Rxf3+!! -#5/12 27.Kxf3 Rf8+ 28.Bf7 Rxf7+ 29.Kg4 Rf4+ 30.Kg5 Qh6#]

27.Ke2 Qxf3+ 28.Kd2 Qf2+ 29.Re2 Qxc5 30.d4 Qg5+

(Diagram)

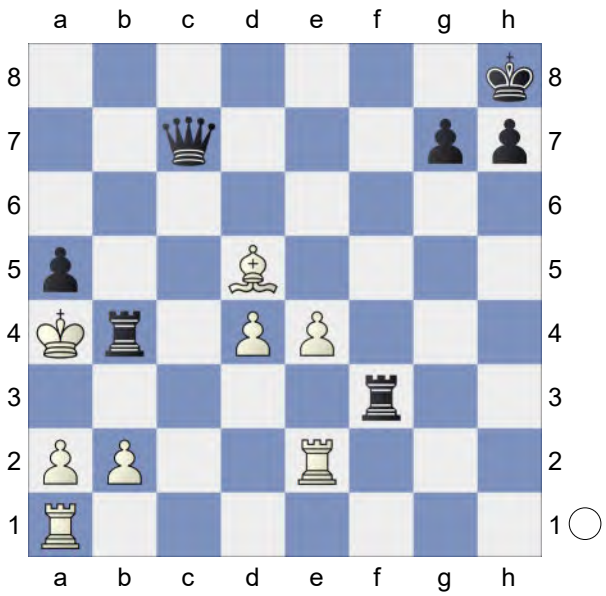


31.Kc2 c5 32.Bd5 cxd4 33.cxd4 Rc8+ 34.Kb3 Rf3+ 35.Kb4 Qe7+



Black mates. **36.Ka5 Qc7+ 37.Kb4 a5+ 38.Kxb5 Rb8+ 39.Ka4 Rb4#**

(Diagram)



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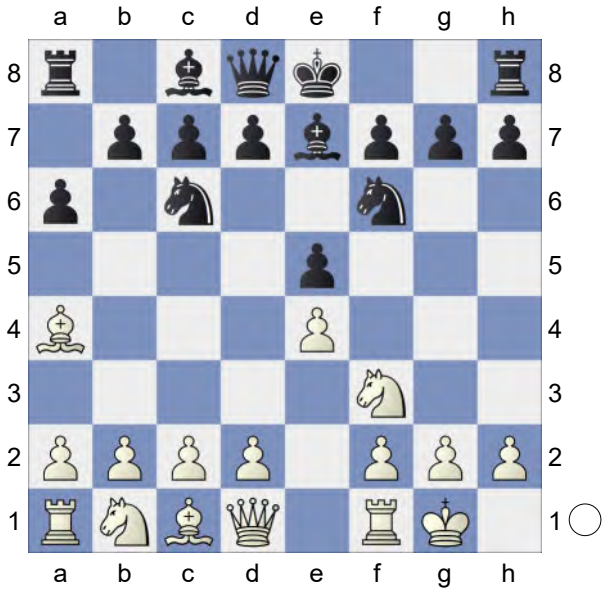
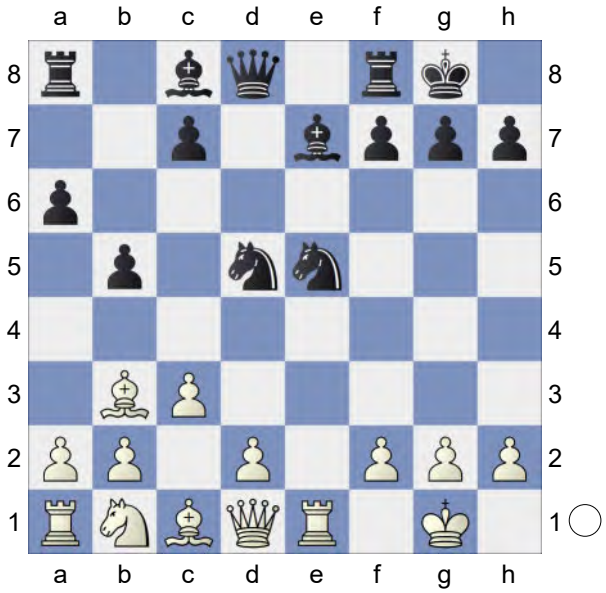
58 **C89**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2545**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2487**
Julius Baer WSCC 2024 (1.13) 23.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

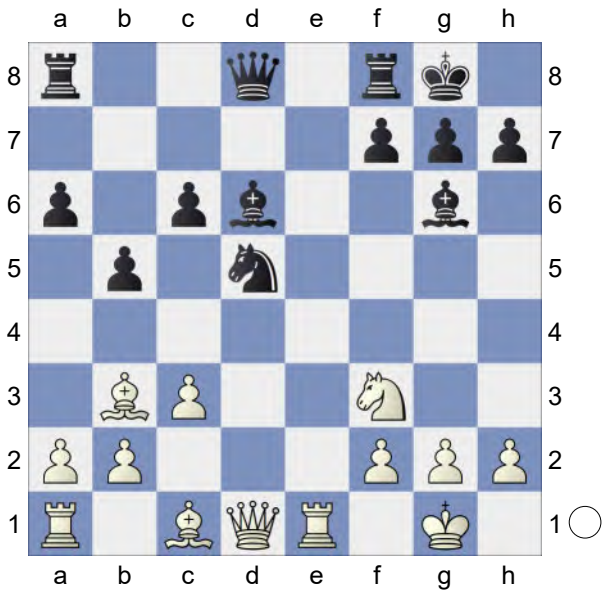
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!
13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.Nd2 Bxd3
[14...Nf4 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* 0-1 Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) 68/(126) Paks 1996 (2) *)* 15...Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3 ½-½ Buchicchio,G (2792)-Logan,T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 1994 (14)]
15.Nf3! Bg6



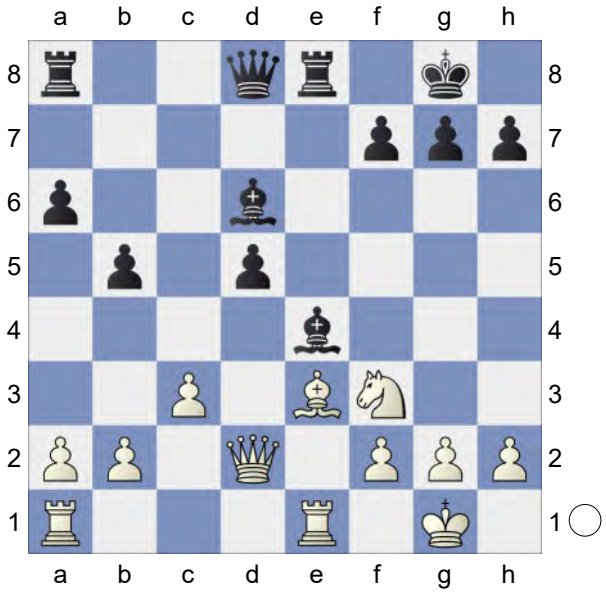
16.Bxd5N 0.01/20
[16.Bg5± 0.37/19 Qd7 *(16...Nf6 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 h6 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6* ½-½ Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Coupe d'Europe des Clubs 2004 (6)*)*

17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 h6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Bf5 23.Bg3 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Ne3 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Bc7 Nxd1 29.Bxd8 Be6 30.Bxa6 Bxa2 31.b4 Nc3 32.Bb6 Nb5 33.Kf2 Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 33/(468) 1982]

16...cxd5= 17.Be3N

[Vorgänger: 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4 Bf7 19.Bg3 Bc5 20.Nd4 Qd7 Dodges Nd4-f5 21.Qd2 Rfe8 22.f3 a5 23.a3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 ½-½ Fakhrutdinov,T (2289)-Belyakov,B (2513) Urals-ch 74th 2016 (2)]

17...Re8 18.Qd2 Be4



Strongly threatening ...Be4xf3. This pair of bishops is nice. **19.Nd4 Qh4** 0.28/21

[⌓19...b4 -0.20/19]

20.g3 -0.13/21

[⌓20.h3 0.28/21]

20...Qh3

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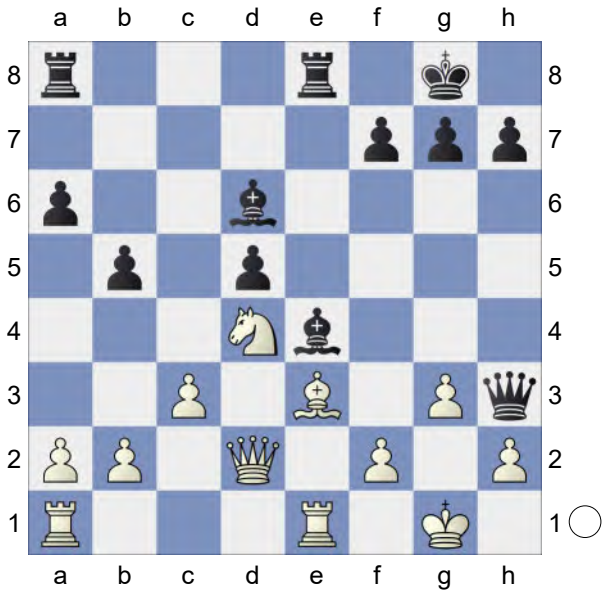


21.f3 Bg6 22.Qg2 Qd7↑ Black fights for an advantage. **23.Qf2** -0.71/20

[23.Qd2= -0.09/19 remains equal.]

23...Rab8 0.16/20

[Black should try 23...b4∓ -0.71/20]

24.Rad1 -0.74/20

[24.Bf4= 0.16/20 keeps the balance.]

24...h6 -0.10/19

[24...b4∓ -0.74/20]

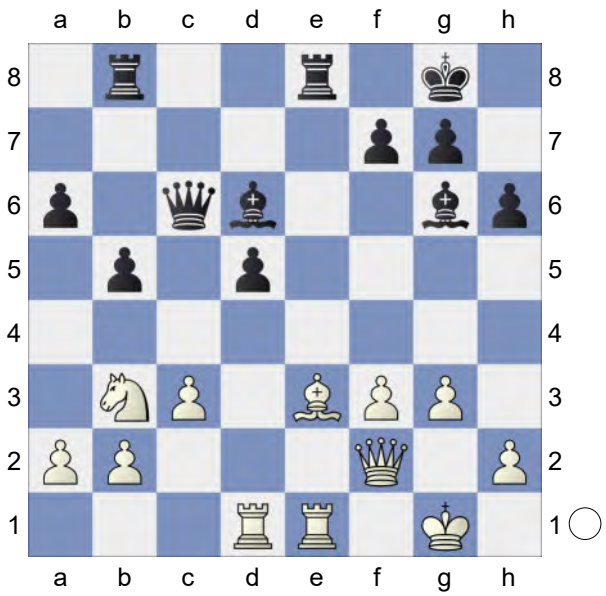
25.Nb3 -0.89/20

[25.Nc2= -0.10/19]

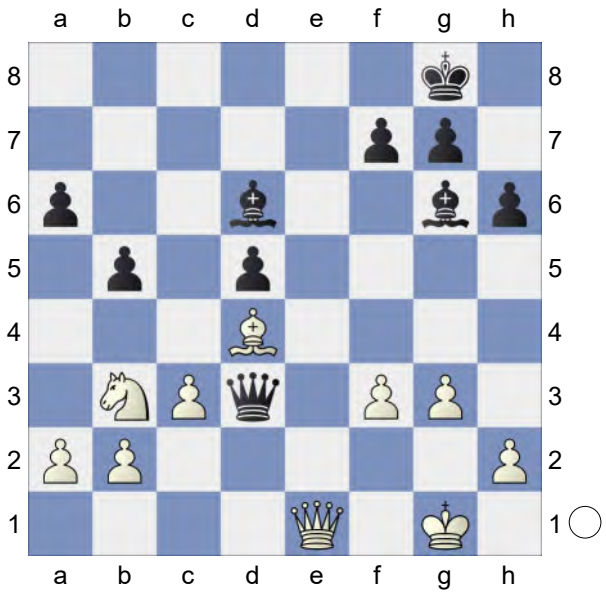
25...Qc6 -0.08/20

[25...b4∓ -0.89/20]

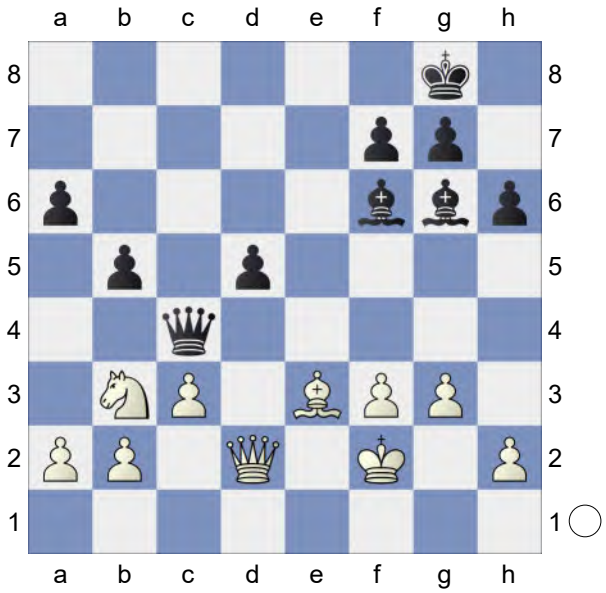
(Diagram)



26.Ba7 Rbc8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bd4
White is weak on the light squares
28...Qc4 29.Re1 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qd3

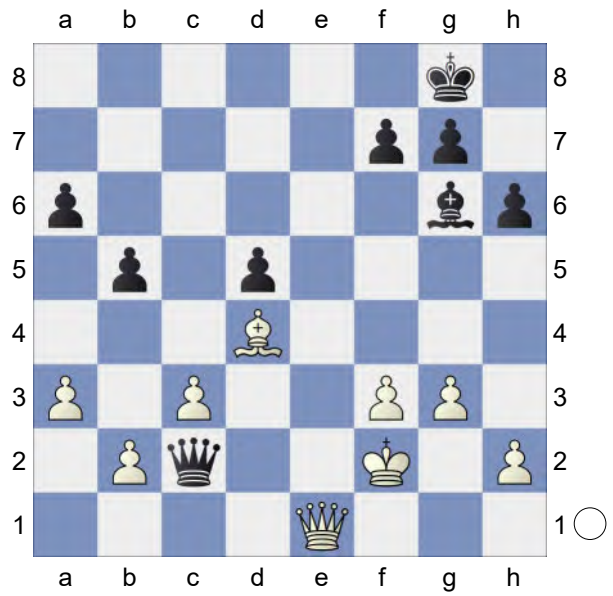


31.Be3 Be5 -0.23/22
[31...b4∓ -0.72/22 32.Kf2 Qc2+ 33.Qd2 Qb1 34.Qxd5 *(34.cxb4 Qh1∓)* 34...bxc3 *(34...Qxb2+ 35.Nd2∓)* 35.bxc3 *(35.Qxd6 cxb2 36.Nd2 Qxa2-+)* 35...Qxa2+ 36.Qd2 Bxg3+ *(36...Qxb3 37.Qxd6 a5 38.c4∓)* 37.hxg3 Qxb3]
32.Kf2 Bf6 0.01/23
[32...Qc2+∓ -0.39/22 deserves consideration. 33.Qd2 Qb1]
33.Qd2 -0.59/22
[33.Bd4= 0.01/23]
33...Qc4 0.23/23
[33...Qb1∓ -0.59/22 34.Nc1 b4]
34.Bd4= 0.01/20 **Bg5 35.Be3** -0.01/22
[35.Qe2± 0.41/22 is more appropriate.]
35...Bf6

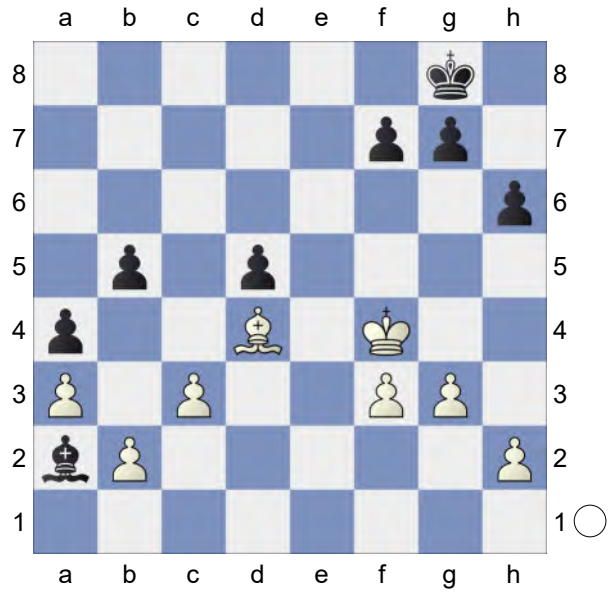


36.Qd1 -0.39/23 **Qa4**
[36...b4 keeps more tension. 37.Bd4 bxc3 38.Bxf6 c2]
37.a3 Qc4 0.16/21
[⌓37...d4 -0.26/22 38.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 39.cxd4 b4]
38.Nd4 Bxd4 39.Bxd4 Endgame. KQB-KQB **39...Qd3 40.Qe1**
[40.Qxd3 simplifies Bxd3 41.Ke3 Bc4 42.Bb6]
40...Qc2+
[40...f6 feels hotter. 41.g4 Kf7 42.Bc5 a5]

(Diagram)



41.Kg1 -0.36/23
[41.Qe2= 0.12/26]
41...Qb1 0.16/22
[41...Qxb2∓ -0.36/23 42.Qe8+ Kh7]
42.Qxb1 Bxb1 KB-KB **43.Kf2 a5 44.Ke3 a4 45.Kf4 Ba2**



46.Ke5 Bc4 47.Kd6 Kf8 48.f4 f6 49.g4 Kf7 50.h4 Bb3

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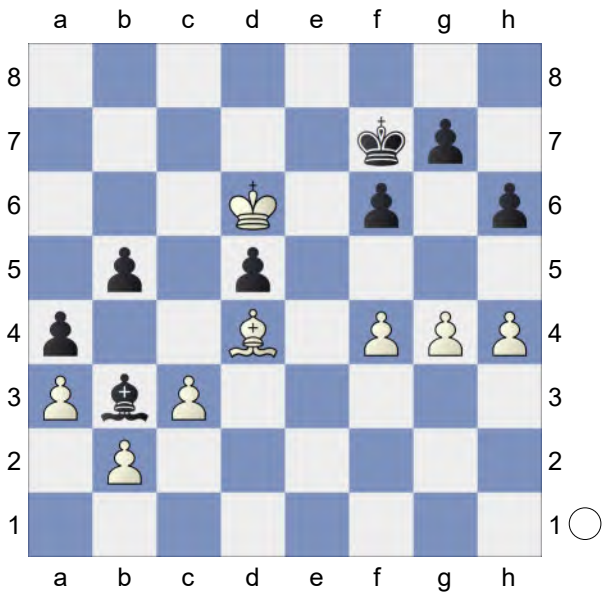
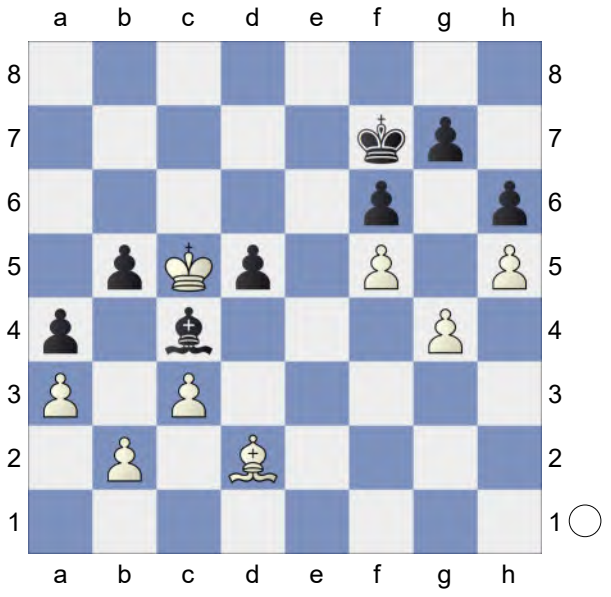
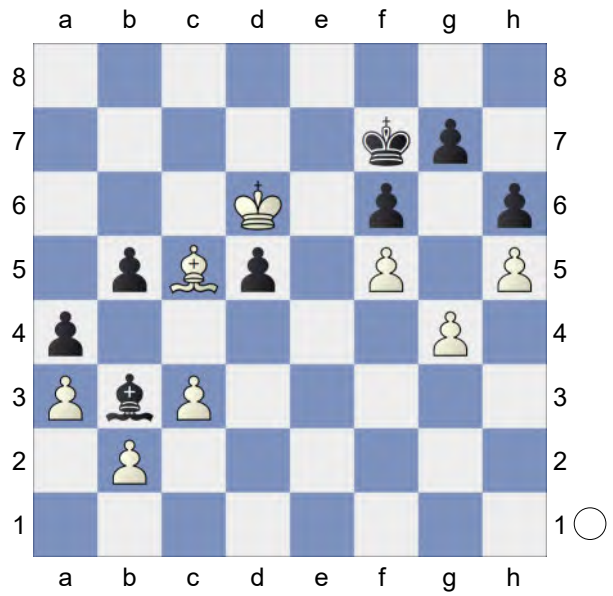


51.h5 Bc4 52.Be3= 0.01/28 **Bb3 53.Kc5 Bc4 54.Bd2** -0.40/27 **Ke6!∓ 55.f5+** -0.72/27
[55.g5∓ -0.36/27 might be stronger.]
55...Kf7 0.01/31
[Better is 55...Ke5∓ -0.72/27 56.Kc6 Be2]



56.Bf4 The position is equal. **56...Ke7 57.Bd6+ Kf7 58.Kc6 Ke8 59.Bc5 Kf7 60.Kd6 Bb3**

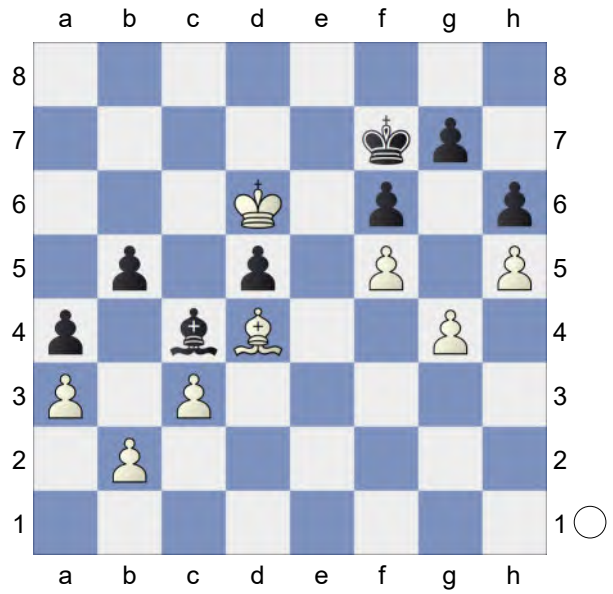
(Diagram)



61.Kd7 Bc4 62.Bd4 Bb3

[62...Be2!? 63.Kc6□ Bxg4 64.Kxb5 Bd1=]

63.Kd6 Bc4 64.Kd7 Bb3 65.Kd6 Bc4



66.Kd7

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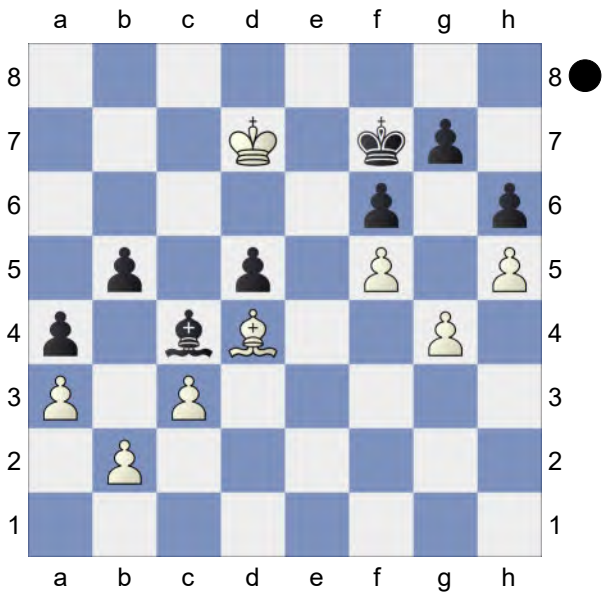

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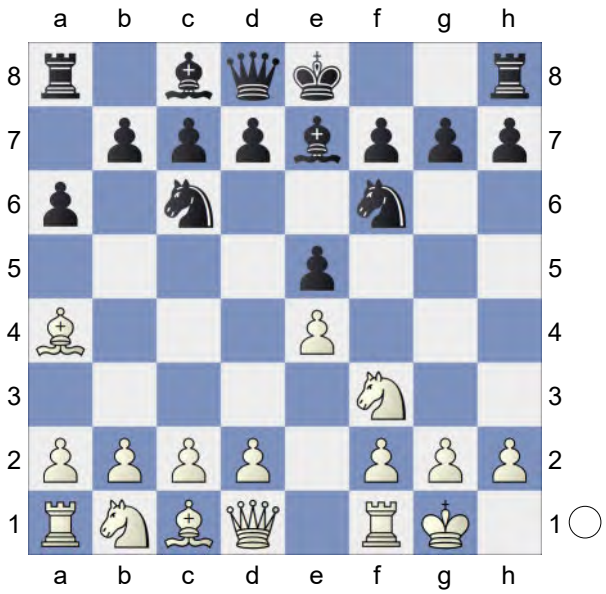
½-½

59 **C89**
□ **Ter-Sahakyan,Samvel** **2640**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2622**
Bangabandhu Premier 2024 (6.3) 6.2.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last contender - the ex-champion Anand.'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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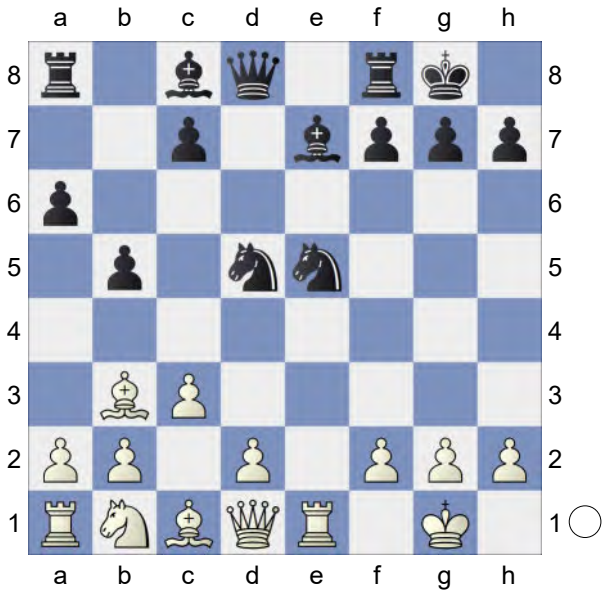
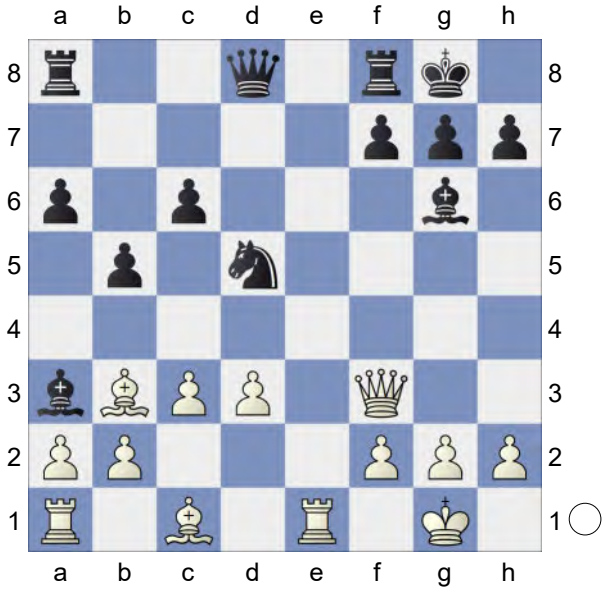


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!
13...Bf5 is better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 ist besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3 Bg6** 0.43/20
[14...Re8= 0.06/22 was preferrable. 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
15.Na3N
[15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 *(19...Qxd3 20.Re3 Qc4 21.Nd5 Rad8 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Bc3 Qc4 24.Qb7 Qc8* Ruy Lopez-Marshall - 11...c6 12.d3*)* 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 ½-½ Buchicchio,G (2791)-Molina,R (2863) GER CupT sf Erfurt 2004 (1) 30.axb4 axb4 31.g4 b3 32.h5 Bf7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra8 35.Rd2 h6 36.Nf5 Be6 37.Nd4 Bf7 38.f3 Rc8 39.Kf4 Rc1 40.Nf5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rd7 Kg8 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Kg8 ½-½ Anand,V (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) Gashimov Memorial 2nd 2015 (1)]
[15.Nd2 Nf4 16.d4 Nd3 17.Re3 Nxc1 18.Rxc1 c5 19.Ne4 cxd4

20.cxd4 Be7 21.d5 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Bd6 23.Rc6 Re8 24.Bc2 g6 25.g3 Rxe4 26.Bxe4 Qe7 27.Kg2 a5 28.Bd3 b4 29.b3 Rd8 0-1 Osnos,V (2768)-Molina,R (2859) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (4.34)]

15...Bxa3



16.bxa3 Nxc3 White is slightly better.

17.Bd2 Nd5 18.a4N

[Vorgänger: 18.Rac1 Rc8 19.Rc5 Re8 20.Rec1 Qd7 21.h4 h4-h5! is the strong threat. h5 22.Qg3 0.10/21 *(22.a4± 0.52/20)* 22...Kh7= 23.a4 Nf6 24.axb5 axb5 ½-½ Grischuk,A (2752)-Svidler,P (2745) RUS-ch 69th Novosibirsk 2016 (7)]

18...Qd7 19.Rac1

[19.h4!?]

19...Rfe8 20.h3 Rxe1+

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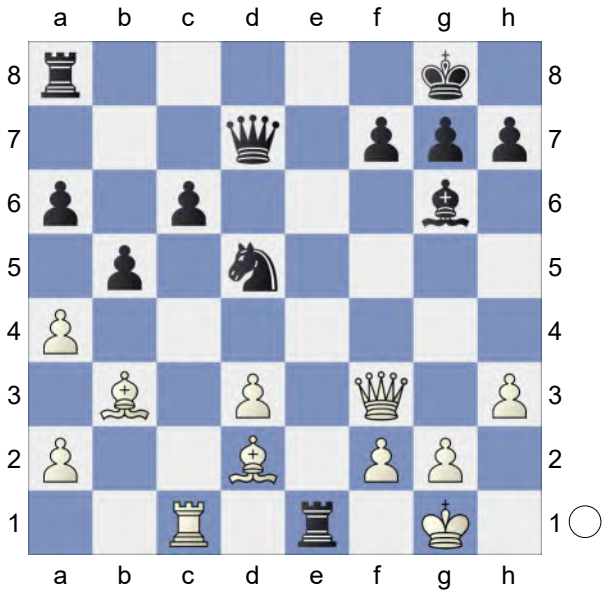


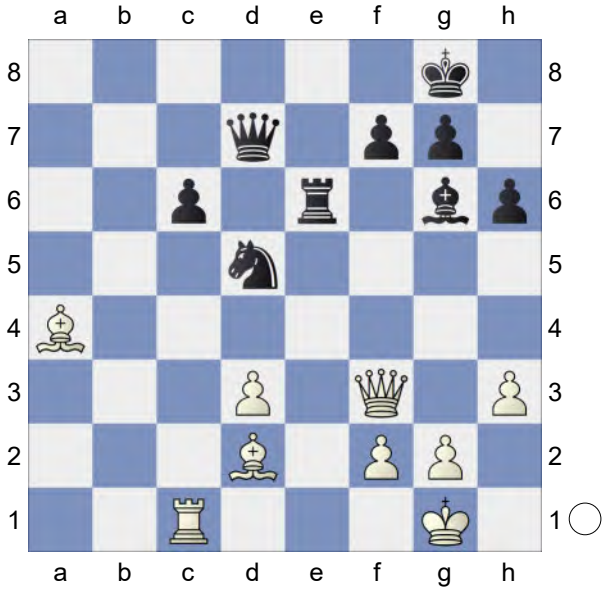
21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rc1

[22.Rxe8+ simplifies Qxe8 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Qxd5 h6 25.axb5 Qxb5 26.Qxb5 axb5 27.d4]

22...h6 23.axb5 axb5 24.a4 bxa4

25.Bxa4 This pair of bishops is nice.

25...Re6

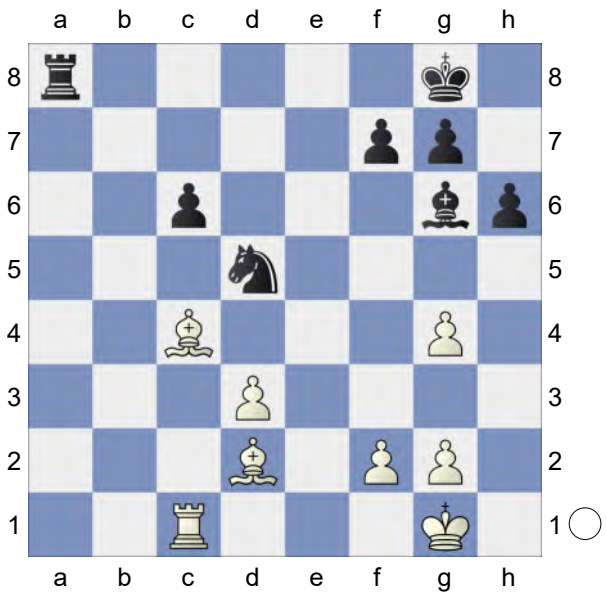


26.Bb3 Qb7 27.Bc4 Re8 28.Qd1

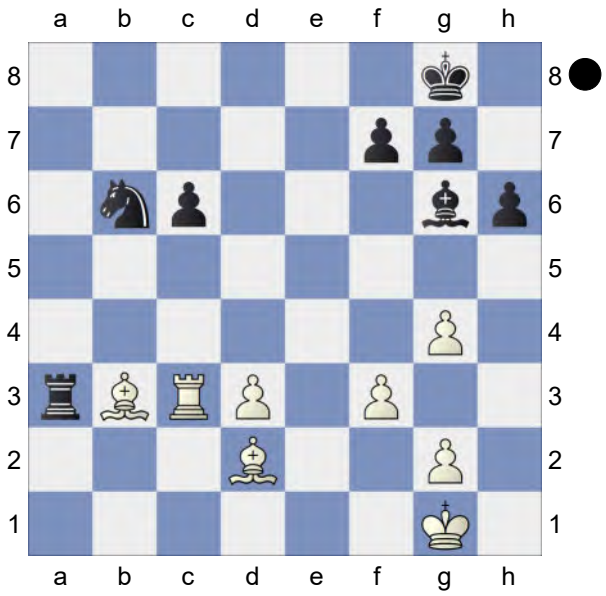
[28.Be3 seems wilder. Qb8 29.Bxd5 cxd5 30.Qxd5 Rd8 31.Bf4]

28...Qd7 29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4 Ra8

(Diagram)



31.f3 Nb6 The position is equal. **32.Bb3 Ra3! 33.Rc3**



Bb3xf7+! would now be deadly. **33...Nd5 34.Bxd5 Rxc3 35.Bxf7+ Kxf7**

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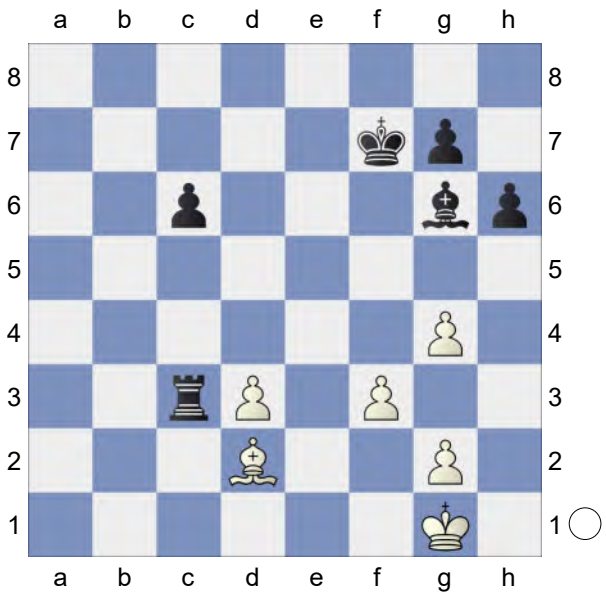
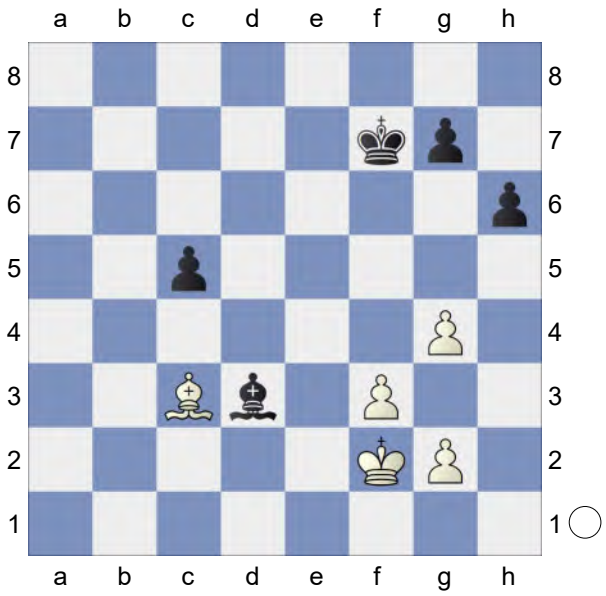


36.Bxc3 Bxd3= KB-KB **37.Kf2 c5 38.Ke3 Bf1 39.Kf2 Bd3**



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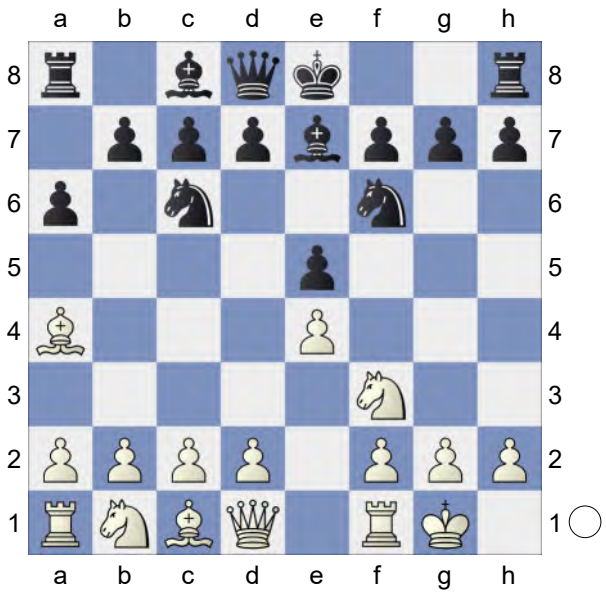
½-½

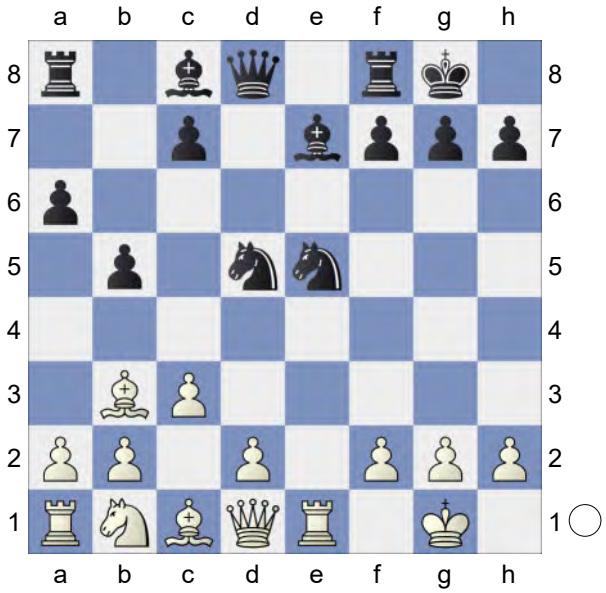
60 **C89**
□ **Tsaruk,Maksim** **2480**
■ **Ssegwanyi,Arthur** **2365**
BRICS Games Blitz Team (10.1) 21.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!
13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.

14.Nd2
[14.Qf3 is interesting. Qh4 15.Qxf5 Qxh2+ 16.Kf1]

14...Bxd3
[14...Nf4 15.Ne4 *(15.Bc2 Bxd3 16.Nf3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qc7 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.g3 Bd6 21.Ng5 g6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 c5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 Qc6+ 27.f3 c4 28.Qe2 Qd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7* 0-1 Nguyen,M (1623)-Ruth,S (1953) 68/(126) Paks 1996 (2) *)* 15...Nxd3 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bc2 Qg6 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Be3 ½-½ Buchicchio,G (2792)-Logan,T (2751) Deutschland 61/576 1994 (14)]

15.Ne4N -0.41/21
[15.Nf3!± 0.40/18 Bg6 16.Bg5 Nf6 *(16...Qd7 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 h6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Bf5 23.Bg3 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Ne3 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Bc7 Nxd1 29.Bxd8 Be6 30.Bxa6 Bxa2 31.b4* Byrne,R-Angantysson,H Reykjavik 33/(468) 1982*)* 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 h6 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.h4 Rxb2 23.Re1 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc6 b4 26.Re4 bxc3 27.Rec4 Rxa2 28.Rxc3 Ra4 29.g3 Kg7 30.Rf3 Rg4 31.Rfxf6 ½-½ Azarov,S (2556)-Pinter,J (2512) Coupe d'Europe des Clubs 2004 (6)]

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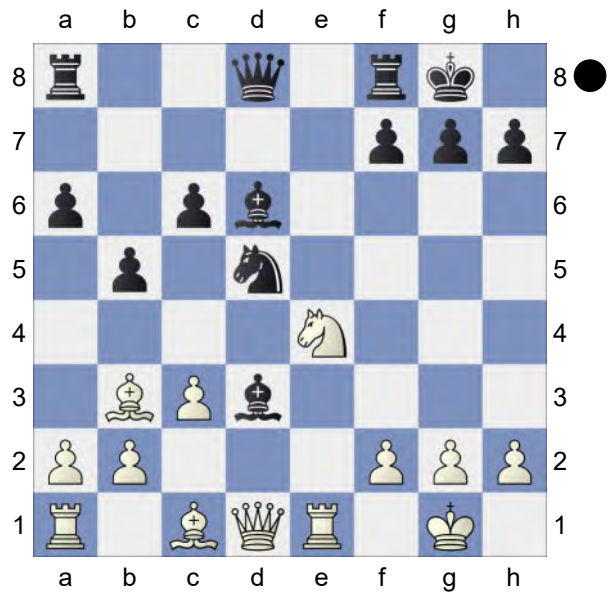
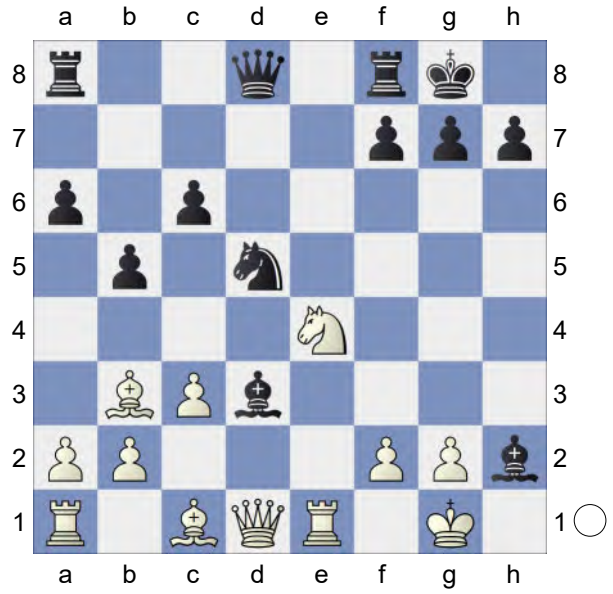
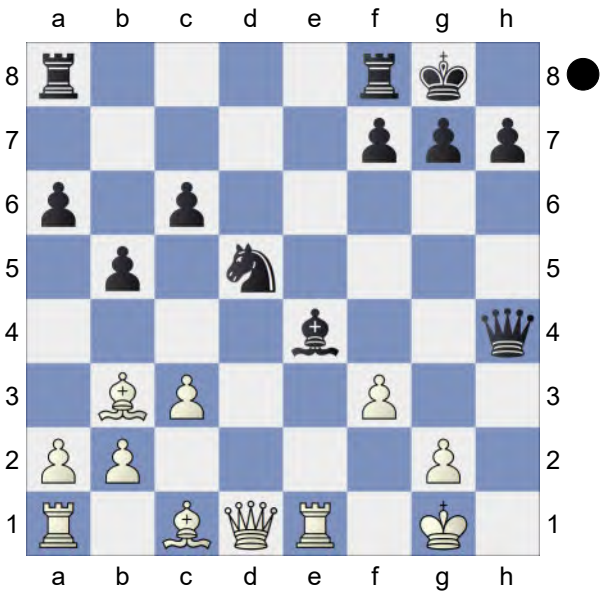


15...Bxh2+!∓

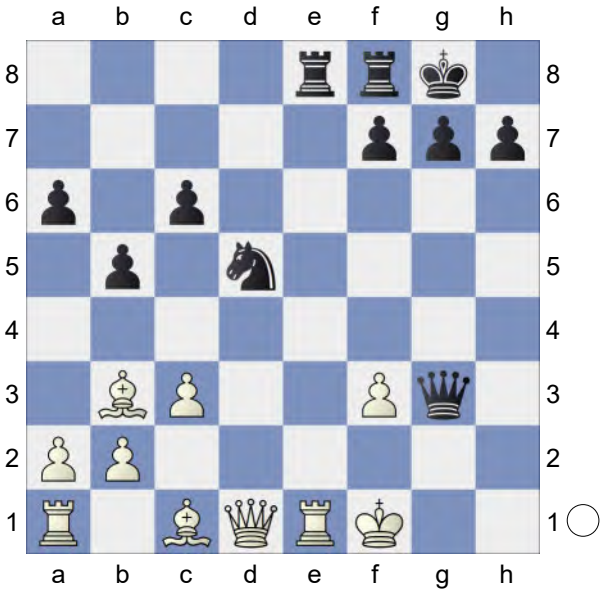


Decoy **16.Kxh2N** Black has an edge.
[Vorgänger: 16.Kh1 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Bc7 Strongly threatening ...Rf8-e8. 18.Qf3 -0.81/20 *(18.g3= -0.26/21* keeps the balance.*)* 18...Qd6 -0.32/20 *(18...Qf6∓ -0.81/20 19.Bd2 Bb6)* 19.g3∓ Rae8 20.Bc2 Qf6 21.Qe2 -0.83/22 *(21.Kg2∓ -0.38/22* was preferrable.*)* 21...Re6 22.Bd2 -1.14/19 ½-½ Simukov,E (1813)-Weber,A (1693) Vellmar op 10th 2018 (4) *(⌓22.Rxe6 -0.74/23 Qxe6 23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Kg2)*]

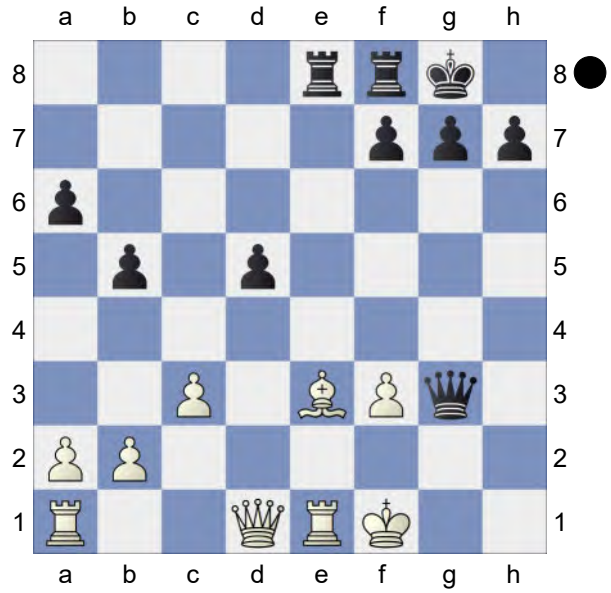
16...Qh4+ 17.Kg1 Bxe4 18.f3? -2.51/22
[18.Qd2∓ -0.46/23]



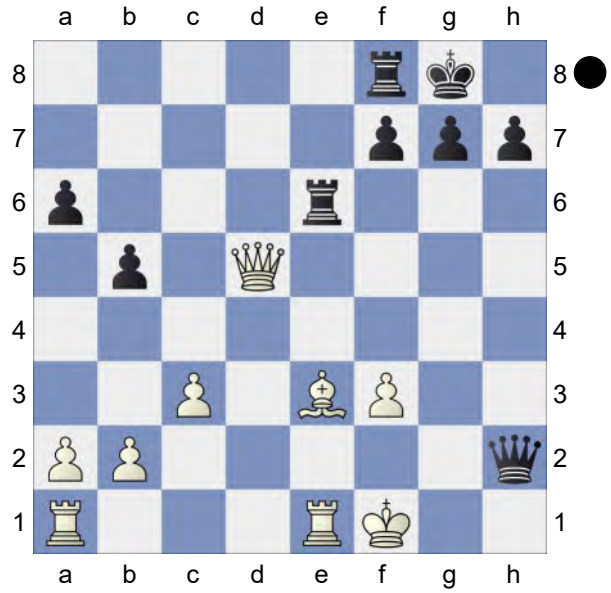
18...Bxf3!-+ 19.gxf3
[19.Bg5 Qxg5]
19...Qg3+? -0.01/26
[19...Rad8!-+ -3.56/22 20.Re4 Qg3+ 21.Kf1 Nxc3 22.bxc3 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1-+ Qh3+ 24.Kg1 f5 *(24...Qg3+? 25.Kf1-+)*]
20.Kf1= Rae8



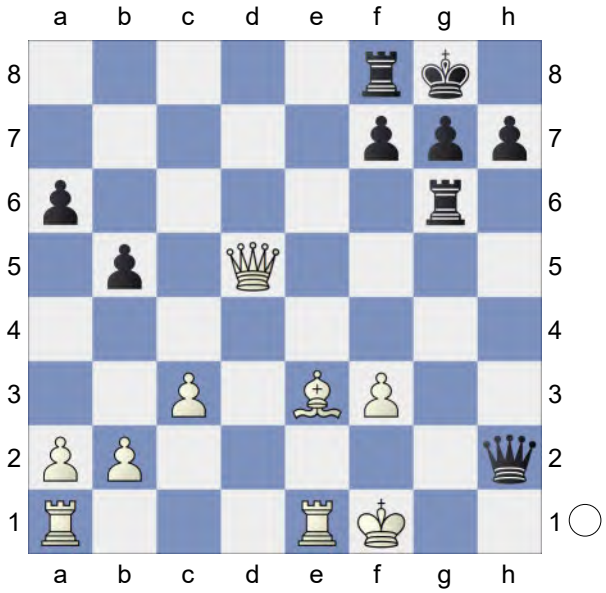
21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Be3 -1.29/23
[22.Re3!= 0.01/24]



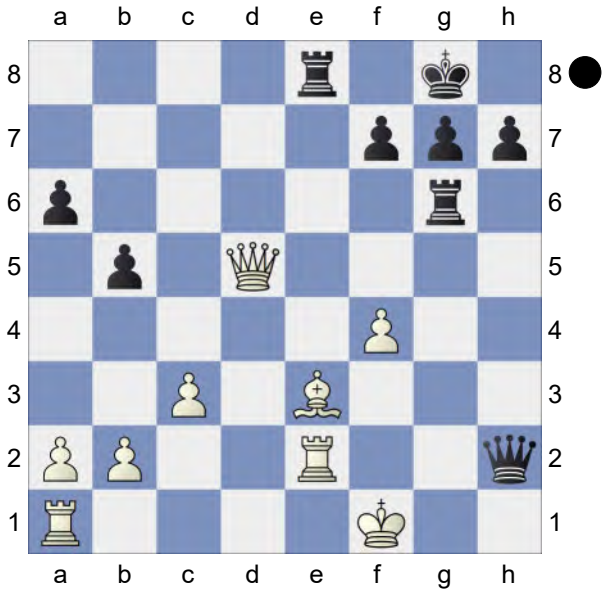
22...Qh3+ 0.01/25
[Black should play 22...Re6!∓ -1.29/23 ...Rf8-e8 would now be deadly. 23.Bd2 *(23.Qxd5? Qh3+ 24.Ke2 Qh2+ 25.Kf1 Rxe3-+)* 23...Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Rg6+ 25.Kf2 d4]
23.Ke2 And now Re1-g1! would win.
23...Re6 24.Qxd5? -1.98/25
[24.Qd4= 0.01/22 and White is okay.]
24...Qh2+-+ 25.Kf1



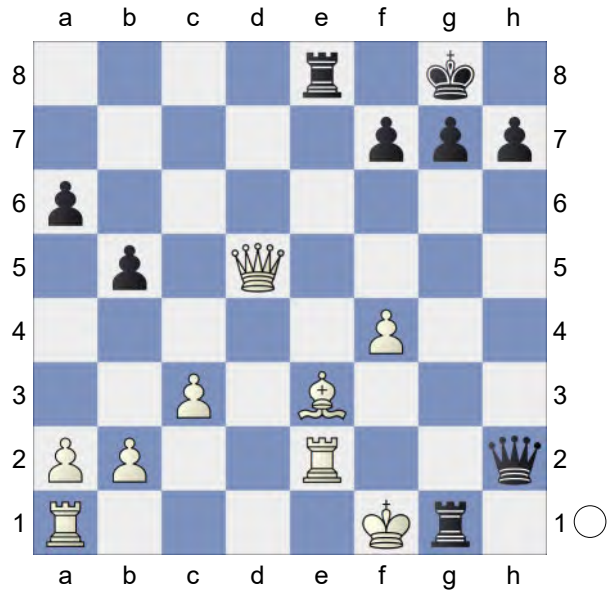
Rg6 -0.01/25
[25...Rxe3!-+ -2.00/24 26.Rxe3 Qh1+ Skewer *(26...Qxb2? 27.Rae1+-)* 27.Kf2 Qxa1]



Against Be3-g1 **26.f4!=** Hoping for Re1-e2. **26...Re8** White must now prevent ...h7-h6! Some like it hot
27.Re2? -#2/6
[27.Qf3= 0.01/25 Rg3 *(27...Qxb2?* is the wrong capture. *28.f5+-)* 28.Qc6]



27...Rg1+!!



Skewer.
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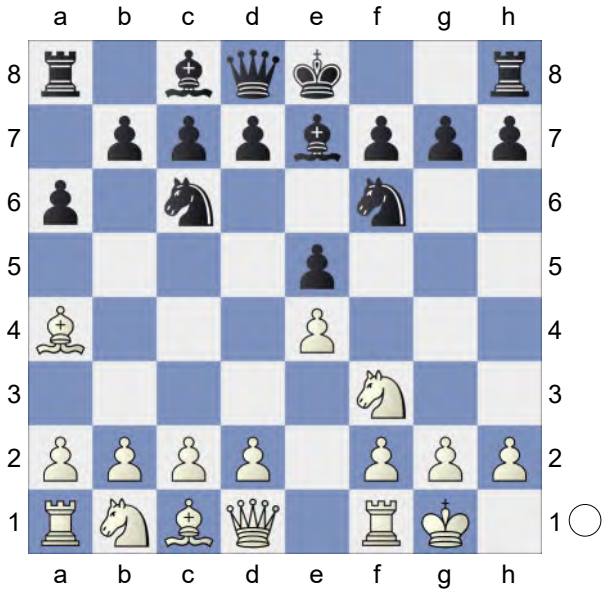
0-1

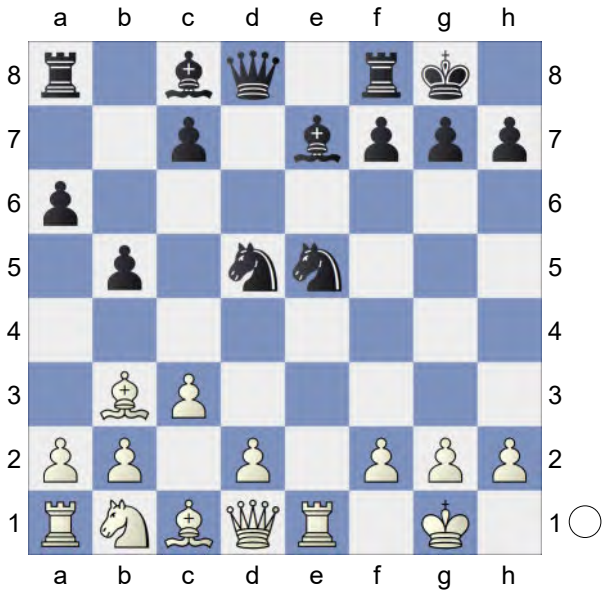
61 **C89**
□ **Tsaruk,Maksim** **2480**
■ **Sezdbekov,Ruslan** **2251**
BRICS Games Rapid 2024 (9.2) 18.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Welcome to this special bonus chapter ! I'm not planning to do a new video every time a top player does something in the Marshall but the Tata Steel Masters 2020 featured a game I had to tell you about. It was the game between Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Anish Giri. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

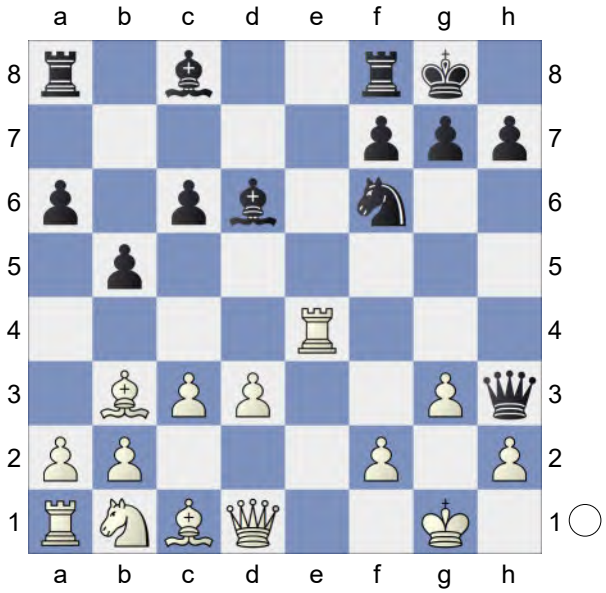


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



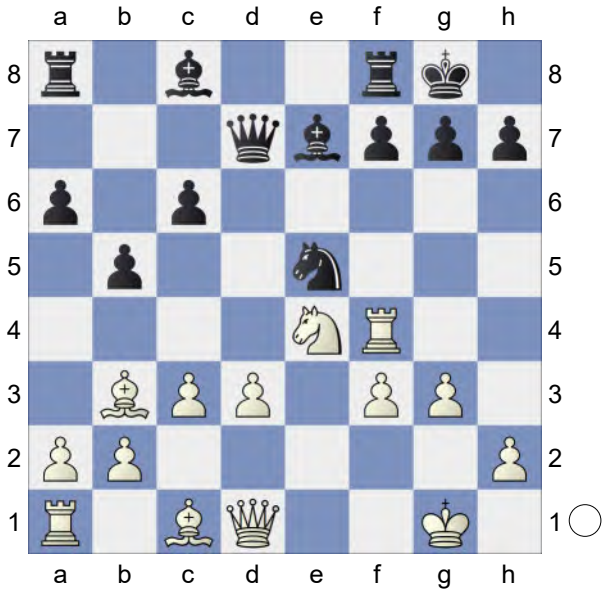
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 0.19/21
[17.d4± 0.56/21]
17...Ng4! 0.61/20 outshines the older 17...g5. erfolgreicher als das alte 17...g5.
[17...g5= 0.19/21 18.Rh6 Ng4]
18.Ne4 -0.18/21
[18.Qe2± 0.61/20]
18...Be7= Black has compensation.
19.f3! Ne5
[Don't blunder 19...Bxh4? 20.fxg4 Qg6 21.g5+- *(21.gxh4 Bxg4 22.Qd2*

Be6+ 23.Qg2 Bg4±)]

20.Rf4 Qd7



21.Nf2J White has counterplay **21...c5 22.d4 Ng6 23.Re4 Bb7 24.Re1**

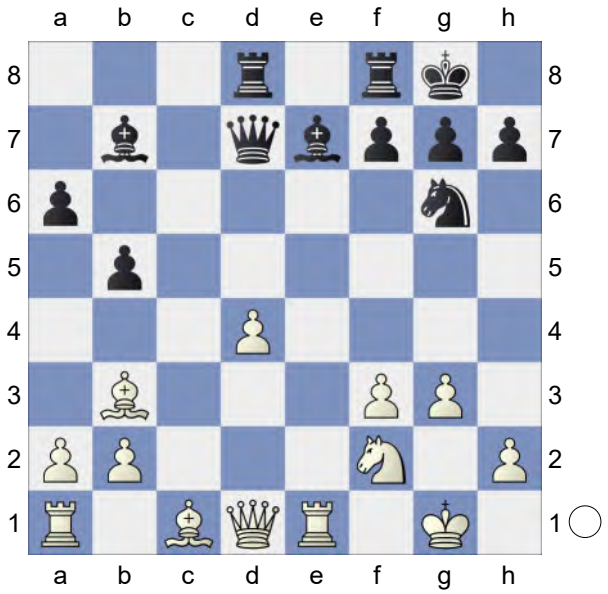
[24.dxc5!? Qxd1+ 25.Bxd1=]

24...cxd4 25.cxd4 -0.45/20

[25.Qxd4= -0.07/21 Qf5 26.Qd3]

25...Rad8 0.01/22

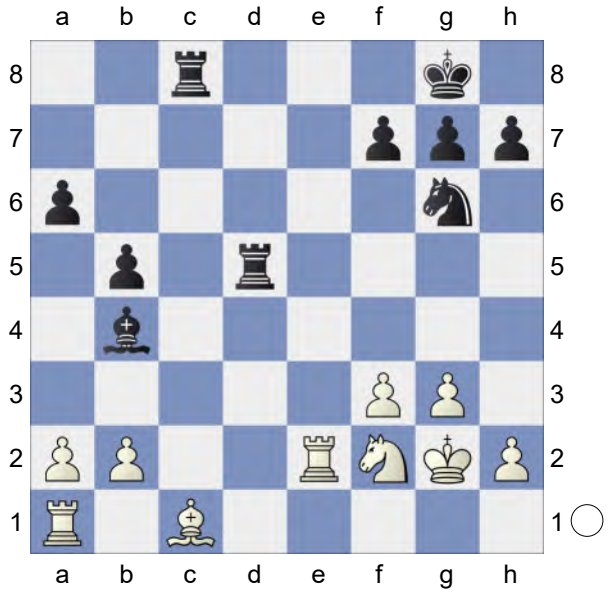
[25...a5!∓ -0.45/20]



26.d5N

[26.Be3 Qf5 Bonus: Marshall 12. d3-16. Rh4,1]

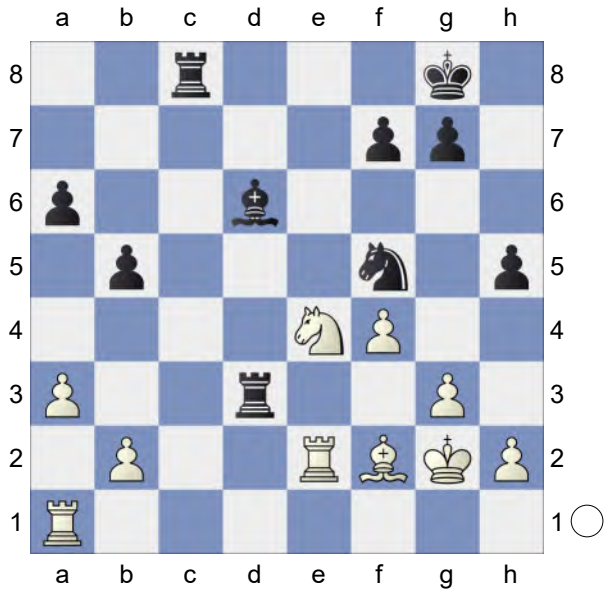
26...Bxd5 27.Qxd5 Qxd5 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Kg2 Bb4 30.Re2 Rc8



31.f4 h5 32.Be3 Ne7 33.a3 Bd6 34.Ne4 -0.55/23

[34.Rd1= -0.01/21]

34...Nf5!∓ 35.Bf2 Rd3



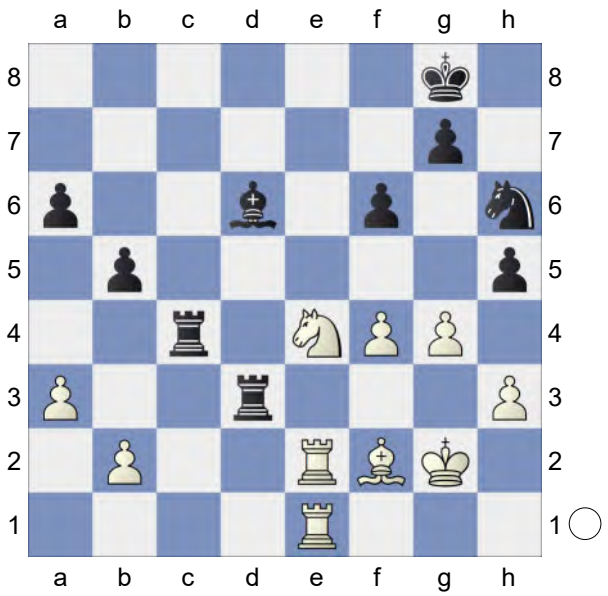
36.Rae1 f6 -0.19/23

[36...Bf8∓ -0.62/21]

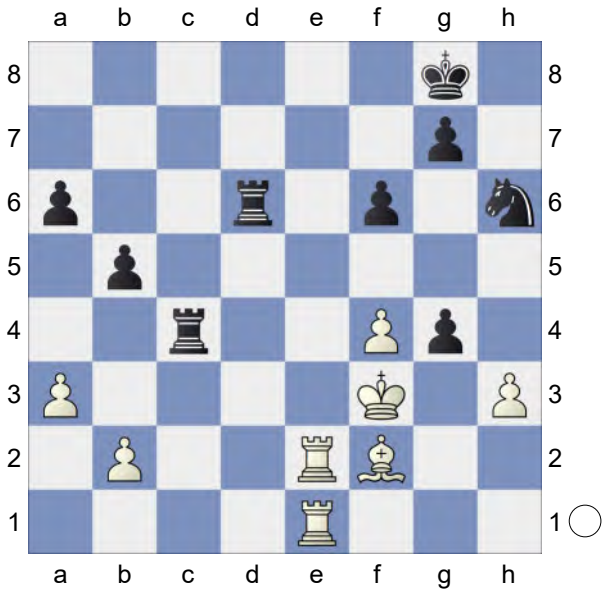
37.h3!= Rc4 38.g4 Nh6 1.43/23

[38...Nd4∓ -0.42/23 stays ahead. 39.Bxd4 Rcxd4 40.Nxd6 Rxd6]

(Diagram)

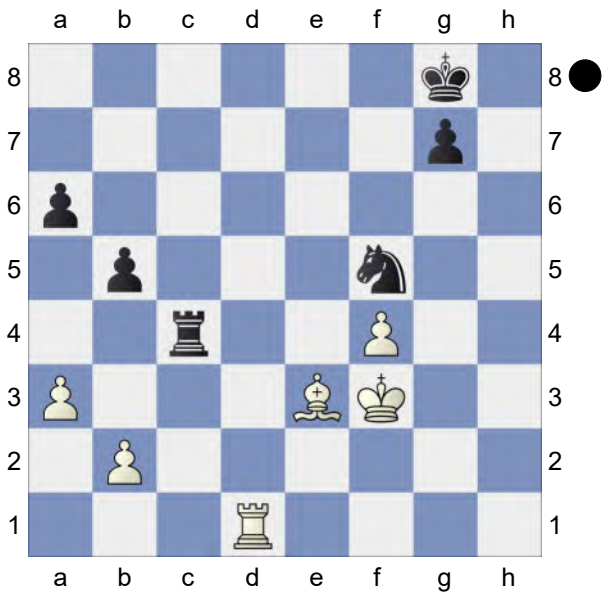


39.Nxd6 0.04/22
[Worse is 39.gxh5 Bxf4 40.Rf1 *(40.Nc5 Rd5∓)* 40...Nf5=]
[39.g5!± 1.43/23 Threatens to win with Ne4xd6. fxg5 40.fxg5]
39...Rxd6 40.Kf3 hxg4+



41.hxg4 The position is equal. **41...Rd3+ 42.Re3 Rxe3+ 43.Bxe3 f5 44.gxf5 Nxf5 45.Rd1**

(Diagram)



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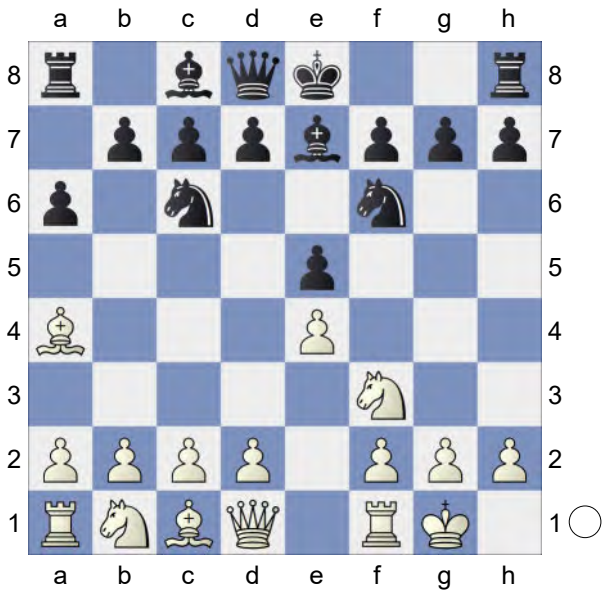
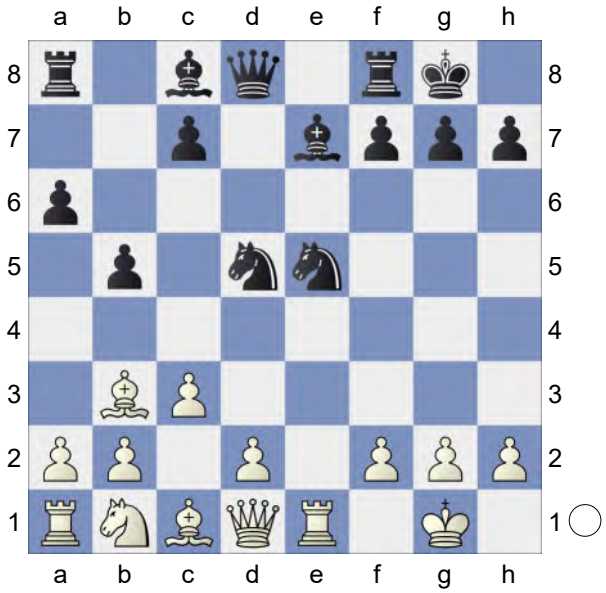
½-½

62 **C89**
□ **Tsaruk,Maksim** **2480**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2677**
BRICS Games Rapid 2024 (5.1) 18.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 b4 White is slightly better. **15.cxb4!N** is more profitable than 15. Nc4 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 15.Sc4.

[15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5

A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* ½-½ Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) (open) 49/402 1990*)* 17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 1-0 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Sigeman & Co 05th_150388 1997 (8);

B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 ½-½ Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I EU-FSM/65 sf11 2003]

15...Nxb4

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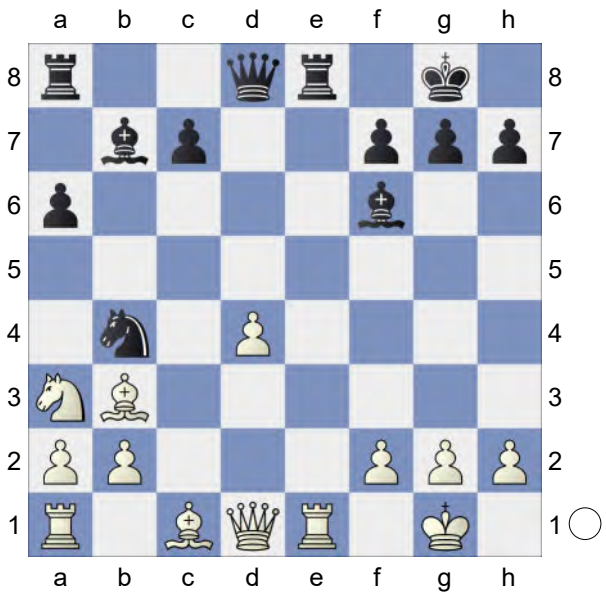
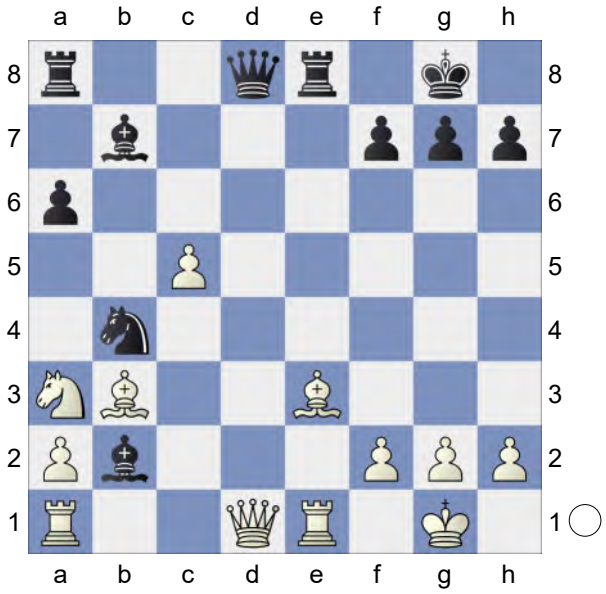


16.Be3 c5 1.17/22 **17.dxc5± Bxb2**



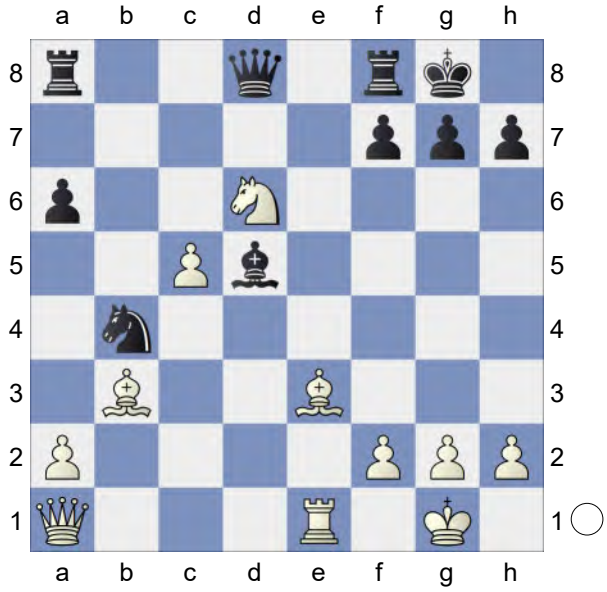
18.Nc4 Bxa1 19.Nd6 Discovered Attack, Double Attack **19...Rf8N** 4.70/21

[Vorgänger: 19...Re7? 2.31/20 19...Ba1-c3 0.69 20.Qxa1 Qd7 Prevents Nd6-f5 21.Qd4 Repels Bb7-d5 Nc6 2.41/20 *(21...a5* 1.81/22 might work better. *22.a3 Nc6)* 22.Qh4+- Re1-d1 would now be deadly. Ne5 23.Bd2 Rae8 24.Re3 Against Ne5-f3+. Hoping for Bd2-c3. Qc6 25.Qh3 Qxc5 26.Nxe8 Rxe8 1-0 Wunderlich,H (2584)-MacKintosh,I (2469) olm17 qual GP2 B1 email 2006]

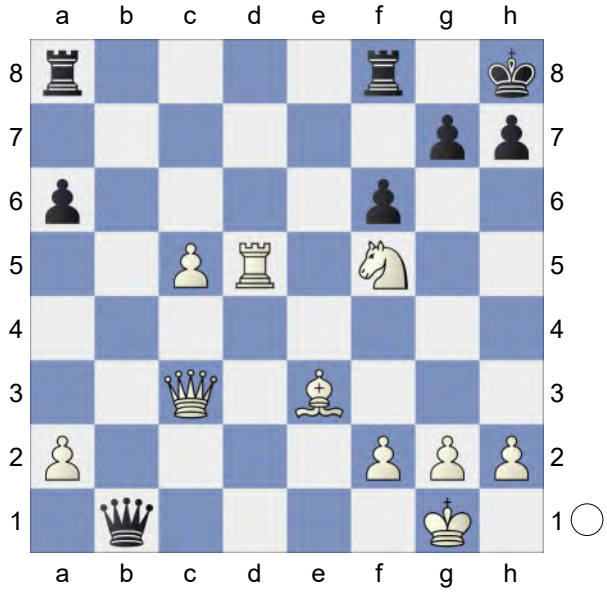
[Avoid the trap 19...Rxe3? 20.Rxe3 *(20.fxe3 Bf6)* 20...Bc6 21.Qxa1+-]

[19...Bc3± 0.72/21]

20.Qxa1+- aiming for Be3-h6. **20...Bd5**



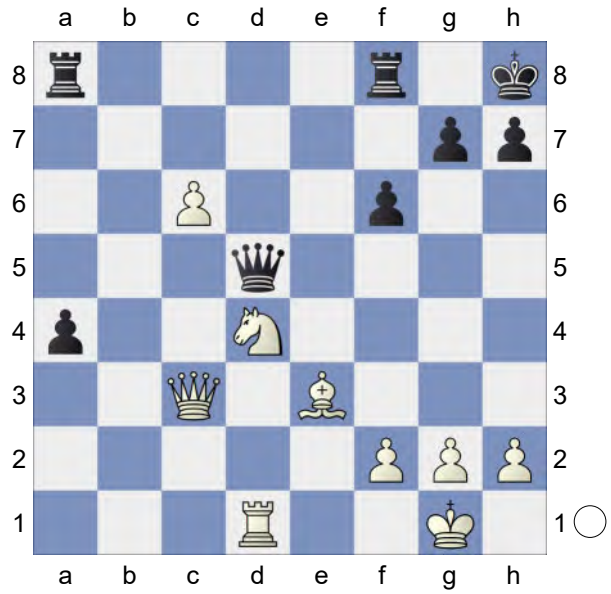
Black is weak on the dark squares **21.Nf5 f6** ...Bd5xb3 is the strong threat. **22.Rd1 Kh8 23.Qc3 Qb8 24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Qb1+**



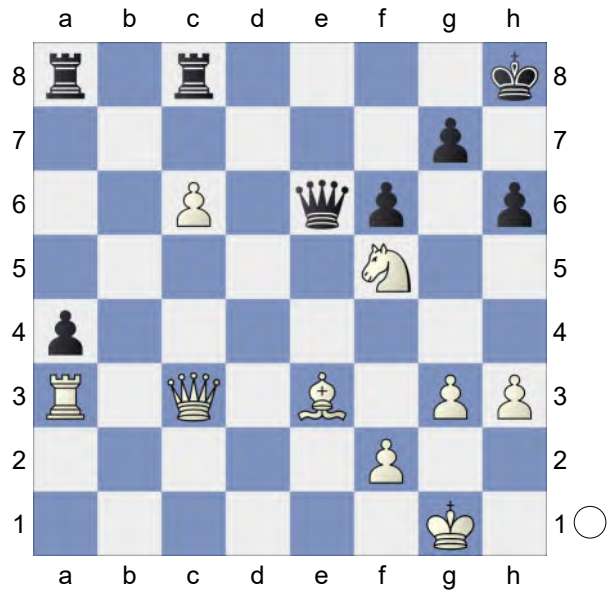
26.Bc1 Qxa2 27.Rd1 a5 28.c6 Qe6 6.45/21

[⌓28...Qb1 4.51/19 29.Nd6 a4]

29.Nd4 Qd5 30.Be3 a4

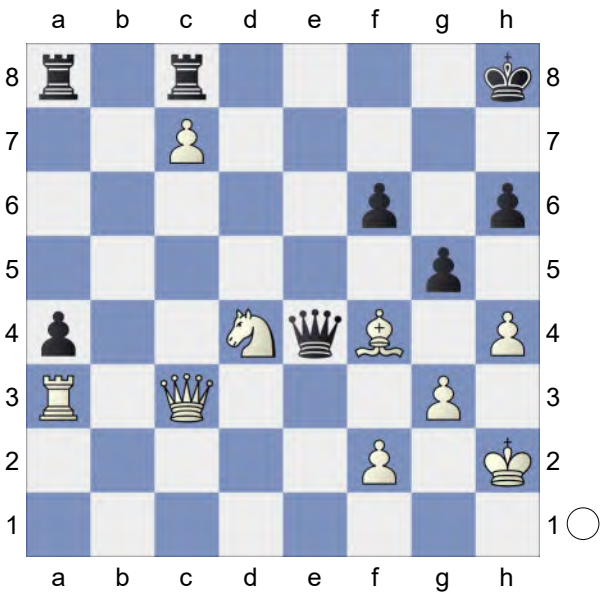


31.Ra1 Rfc8 32.h3 Qd6 33.Ra3 h6 34.g3 Qe7 35.Nf5 Qe6

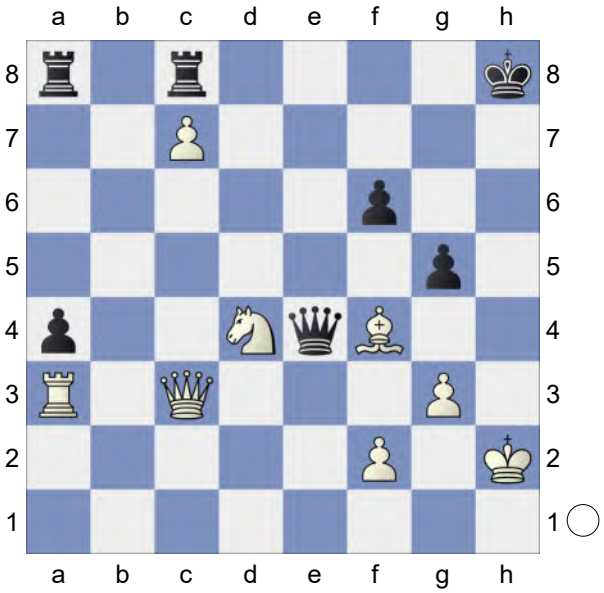


36.Nd4 -0.01/19
[36.Qd3!+- 2.91/22]
36...Qe7!= 37.h4 Qd6 38.Kh2 Qe7 39.Bf4 Qe4 40.c7 g5 7.57/21
[⌓40...Qd5 4.72/20 41.Nc2 Qa5]

(Diagram)

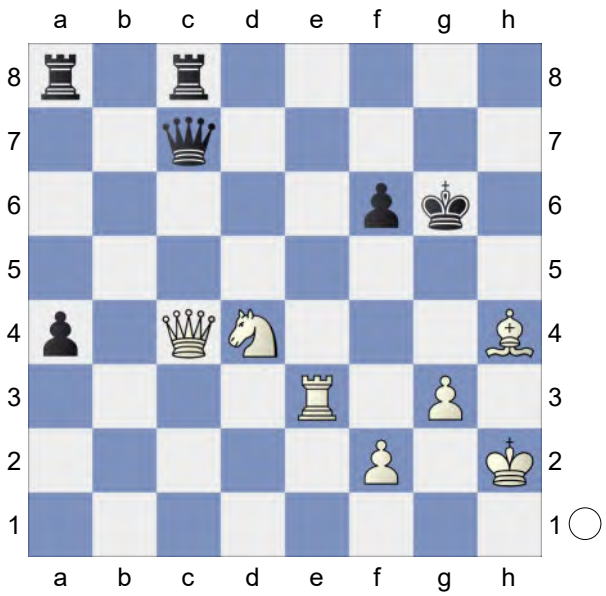


41.hxg5+- hxg5

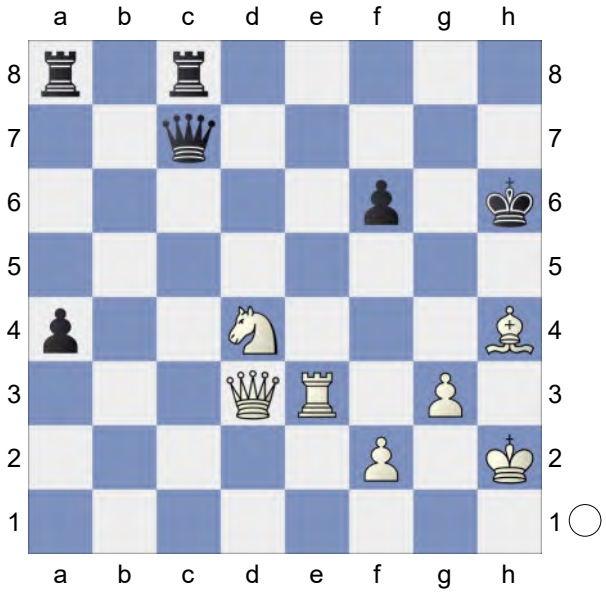


42.Bxg5! Kg7
[42...Ra6 43.Bf4]
43.Bh4 Qe5 44.Qc4 Kg6 45.Re3 Qxc7

(Diagram)



46.Qd3+ Kh6



47.Re7!!

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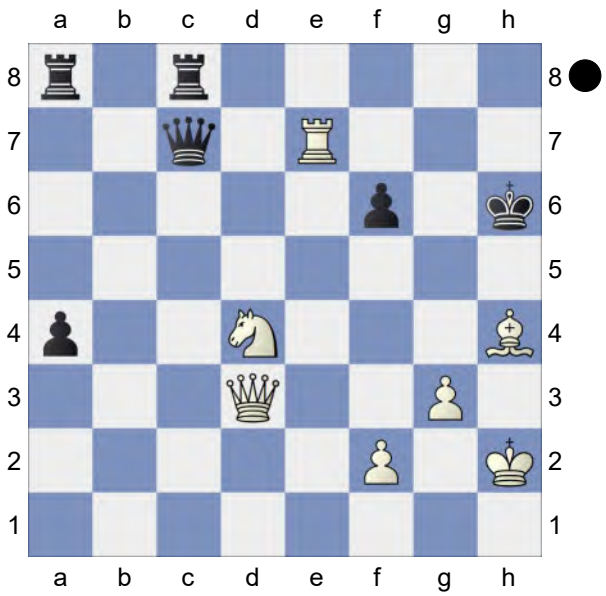

Decoy.

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63 **C89**
□ **Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime** **2718**
■ **Gukesh D** **2763**
Superbet Romania Chess Classic 2024 ..
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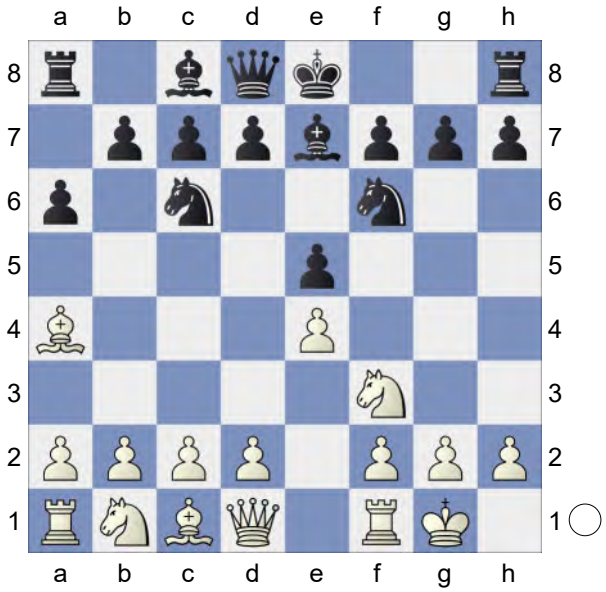
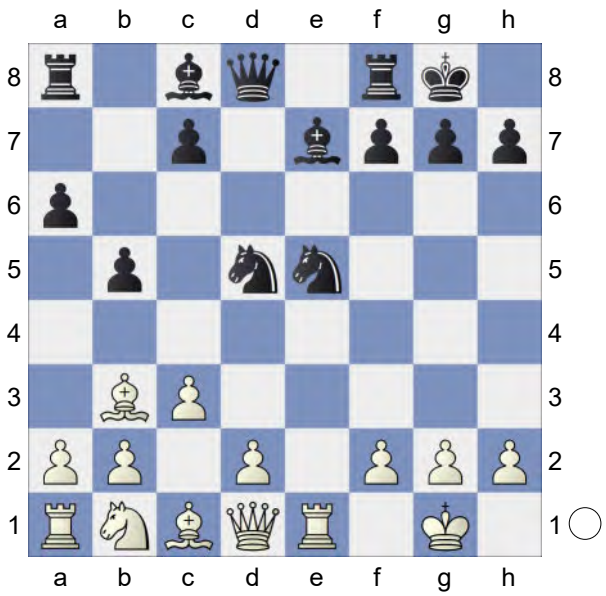
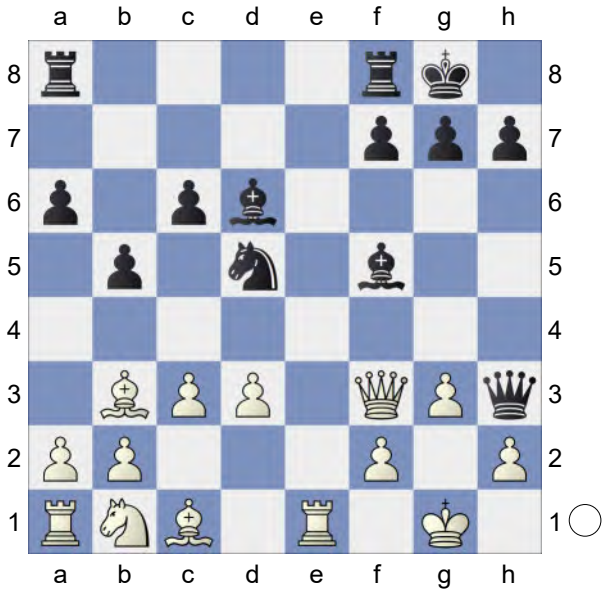
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
17.Nd2 Qf5 The old main line.
The old main line. **18.a4 Rfe8 19.Bd4 Bf8N** 0.78/22
[19...h6± 0.40/20
A) 20.Kg2 Kf8 *(20...Qxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Rac8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra6 Rxe1 24.Nxe1 Nc7 25.Rb6 Bf5 26.Bc2 Be6 27.Be4 Nd5 28.Ra6 b4 29.c4 Nf6 30.Bf3 Bxc4 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Bxc6 Kf8 33.Nc2 Nd5 34.Kf3 g6 35.Ne3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2796)-Aronian,L (2785) Sharjah Grand Prix 2017 (5.2); 20...Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Kf8 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.Ne4 Bxe4+ 24.Rxe4 Rb8 25.axb5 axb5 26.Re1 Nb6 27.Rd1 Be7 28.Bc2 Nc4 29.b4 Rd8 30.Be4 Nd6 31.Bb6 Rc8 32.Bd3 Ne8 33.Bf5 Rb8 34.Be3 Nf6 35.Bd4 Coll Sola,J (2706)-Deslandes,P (2811) USSR (ch) 37/418 1984)*
21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5

23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 f6 31.f3 Be7 32.Ra7 Bd6 33.Rd7 Ba3 34.Rxd5 Kg8 0-1 Caruana,F (2835)-Carlsen,M (2863) Clutch-ch June rapid 2020 (3.7);

B) 20.h4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Bg6 23.Be5 Bc5 24.Nd4 Nb6 25.Nxc6 bxa4 26.Ba2 Re8 27.Ra1 Be4 28.Bd4 Bxc6 29.Bxc5 Nd7 30.Bd4 Ne5 31.Bxe5 Rxe5 32.Bc4 Bb5 33.Bf1 Kf8 34.f3 Re8 ü-ü 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2795)-C06/32 (2793) RLPF-ch U13 Wolfstein 1994 (5)]

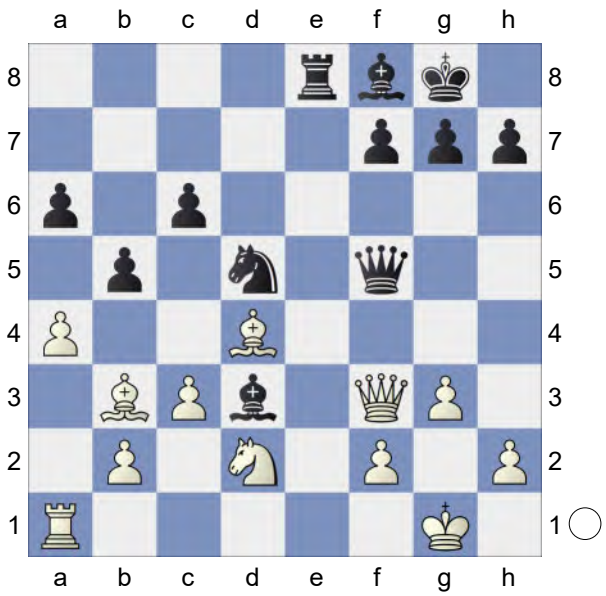
[19...Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Rd8 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf8 24.c4 Nb4 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.a5 Nd3 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.Bd5 Nxb2 29.Rf4 Na4 30.Bc7 Rc8 31.Rxf7 Kh8 32.Bb7 Kg8 33.Rf3 1-0 13.♕c2 ♘e5 14.♗e5 (2583)-Auvray,P (2446) FIDE World CH 1996 (4)]

20.Rxe8 0.35/23

[20.axb5± 0.78/22 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 axb5 22.Qd1]

20...Rxe8±

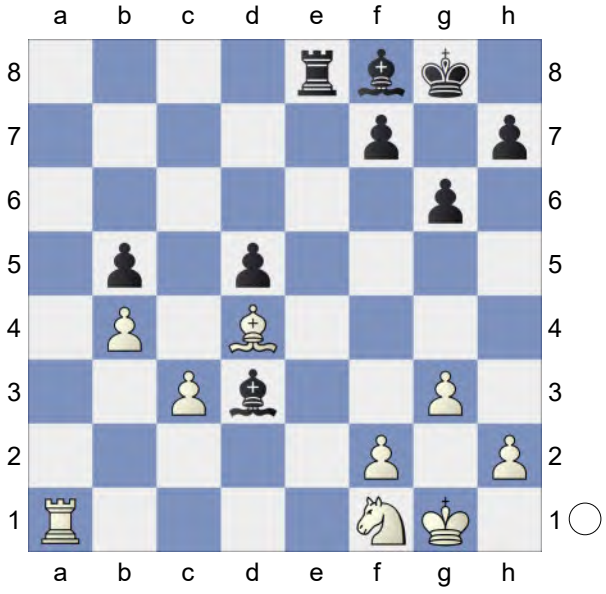
(Diagram)



21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxd5N

[Vorgänger: 23.Nf3 Be6 24.Ng5 Bf5 25.Ra6 Rc8! 26.Nf3 Be6 27.Be3 c5 Dodges Nf3-d4 28.Ng5 c4 29.Bc2 ½-½ Schulz,G (2410)-Pecka,J (2390) CZE Beroun08 email 2017]

23...cxd5 24.b4 Bd3 25.Nf1 g6



26.Ne3 Bc4 27.f3 Bh6 28.Kf2

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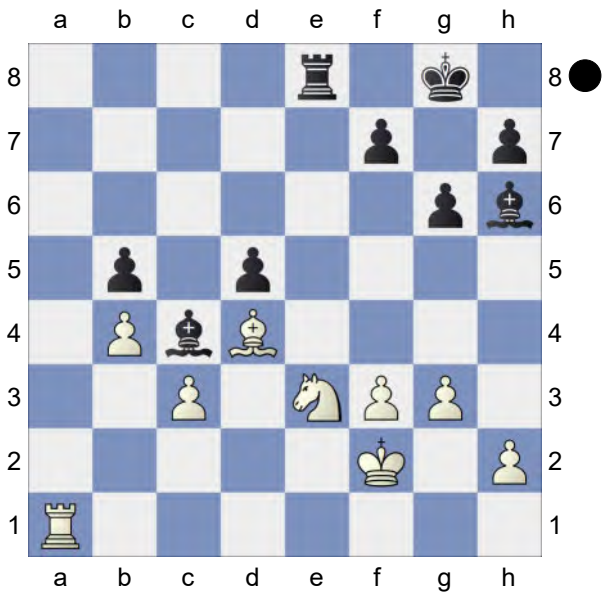
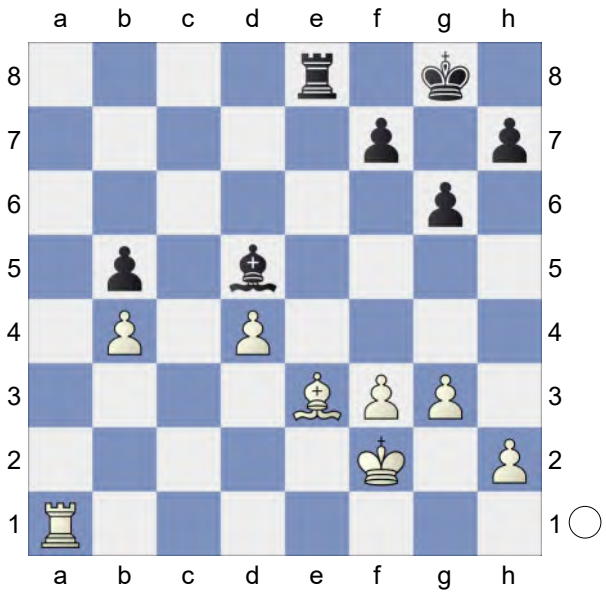
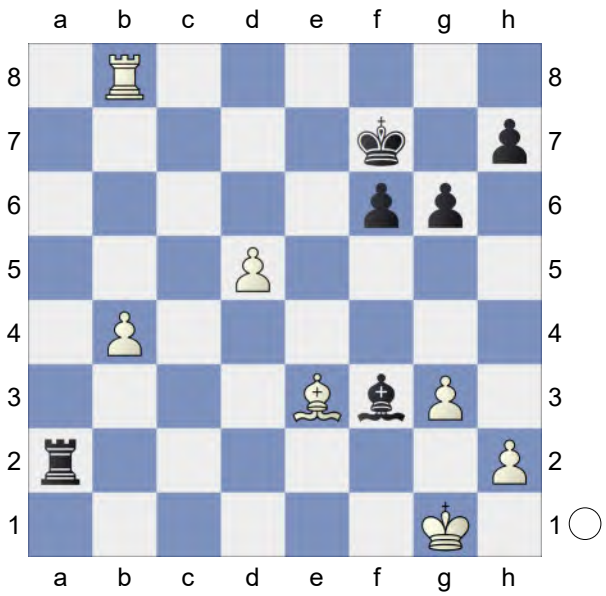


Black must now prevent Ne3xc4. **28...Bxe3+ 29.Bxe3± Endgame. KRB-KRB 29...d4 30.cxd4 Bd5**

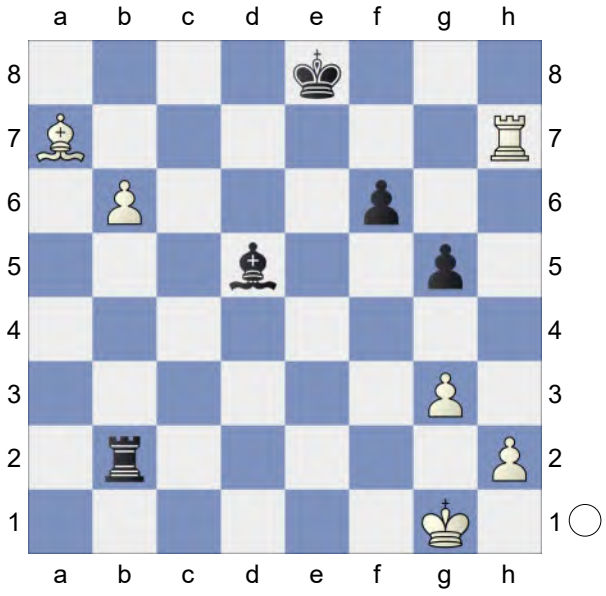


31.Ra5 Ra8 32.Rxb5 Ra2+ 33.Kg1 Bxf3 34.d5 f6 35.Rb8+ Kf7

(Diagram)



36.Rb7+ Ke8 37.Rxh7 Bxd5 38.b5 Re2 39.Ba7 Rb2 40.b6 g5



41.g4 Bf7 42.Kf1 Kf8 43.Rh6 Ke7
[43...Kg7!? 44.Rh3□ Be6±]
44.Ke1 Bd5 45.Kd1 Be4

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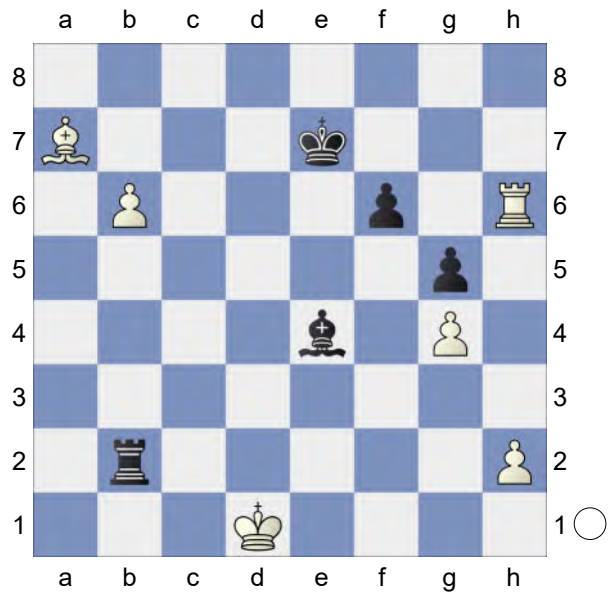
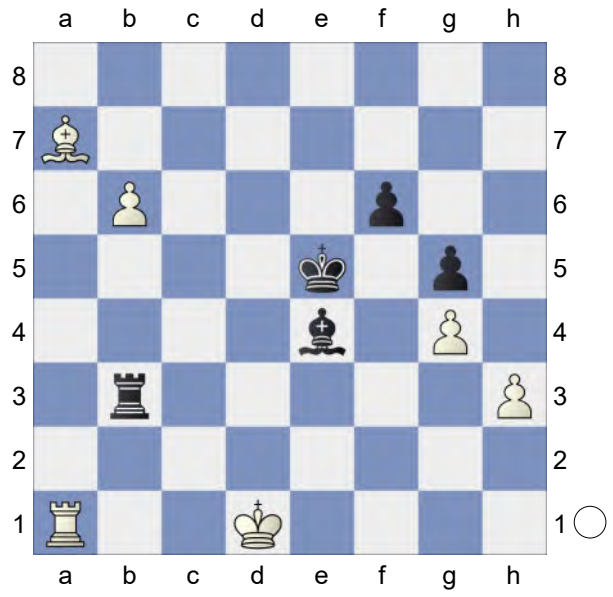
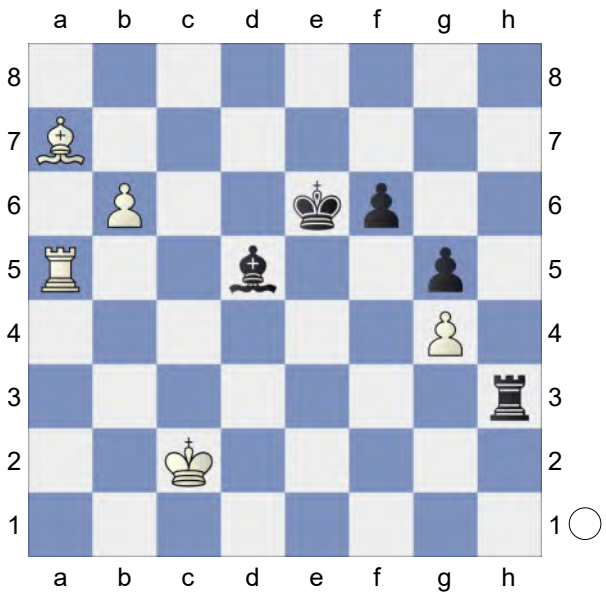


46.Rh3 Rh3-e3 would now be deadly.
46...Ke6 47.Rc3 Ke5 48.h3 Kd4
49.Rc1 b6-b7+ is the strong threat.
49...Ke5 50.Ra1 Rb3

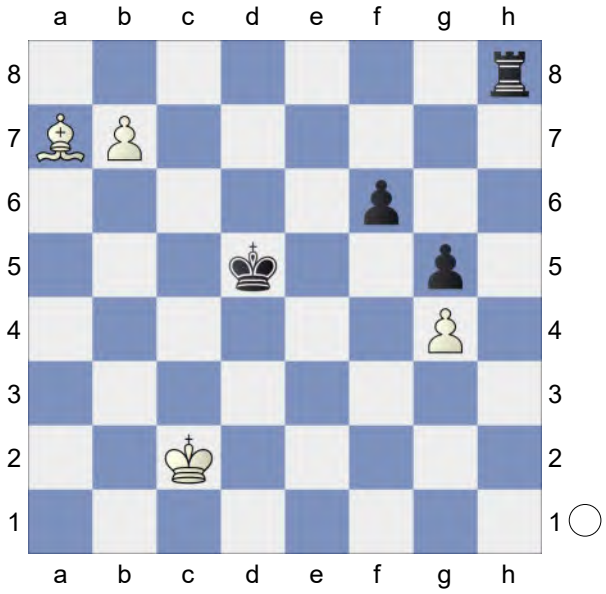


51.Ra4 Bd5
[51...Rxh3 52.Bb8+ Kd5 53.Bc7]
52.Ra5 Ke6 53.Kc2 Strongly threatening Ra5xd5! **53...Rxh3**

(Diagram)

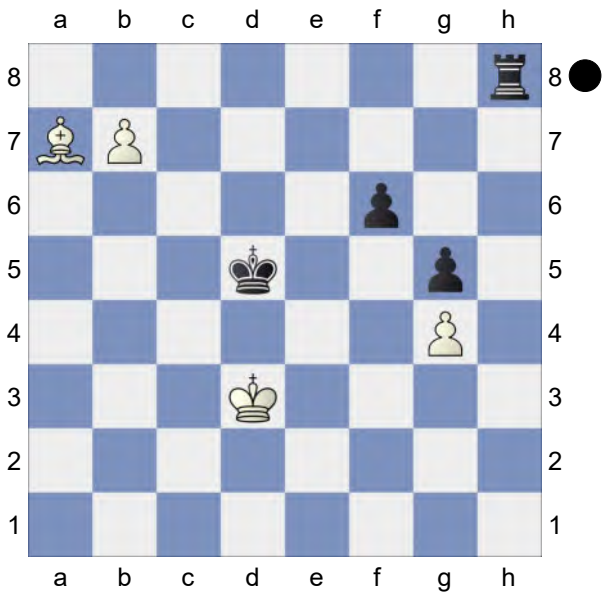


54.Rxd5! Remove Defender **54...Kxd5=**
KR-KB **55.b7 Rh8**



56.Kd3! White has compensation.
56...Rh3+ 57.Be3 Rh8 58.Ba7
Against Rh8-b8 **58...Rh3+ 59.Be3 Rh8**
60.Ba7

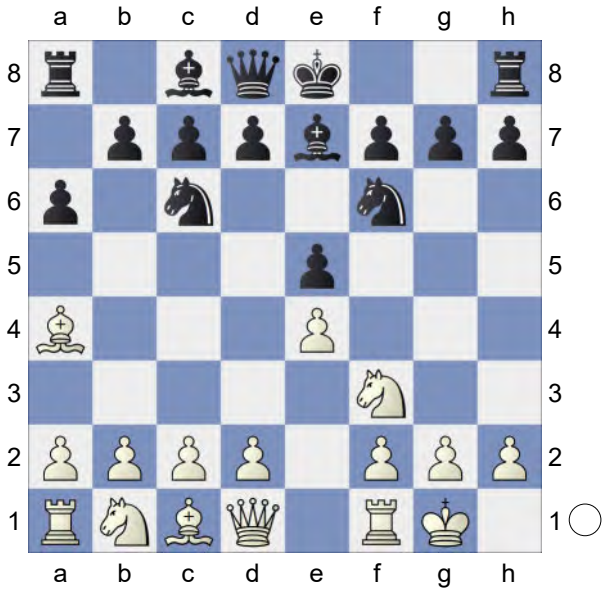
(Diagram)



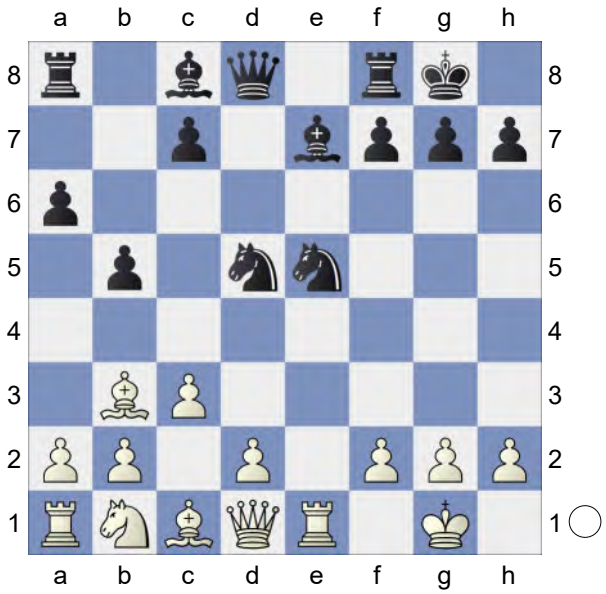
Prevents Rh8-b8.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

64 **C89**
□ **Valle Luis,Leo** **2266**
■ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2509**
25. Sants Open | Group A (10) 01.09.24
[Kitty Kat]

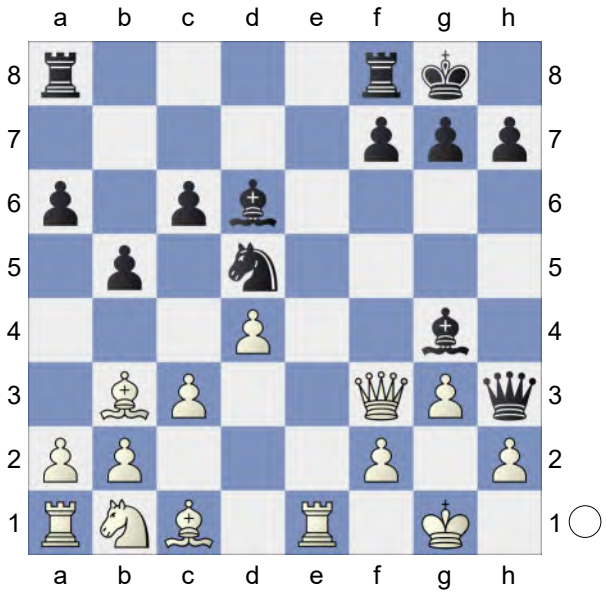
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



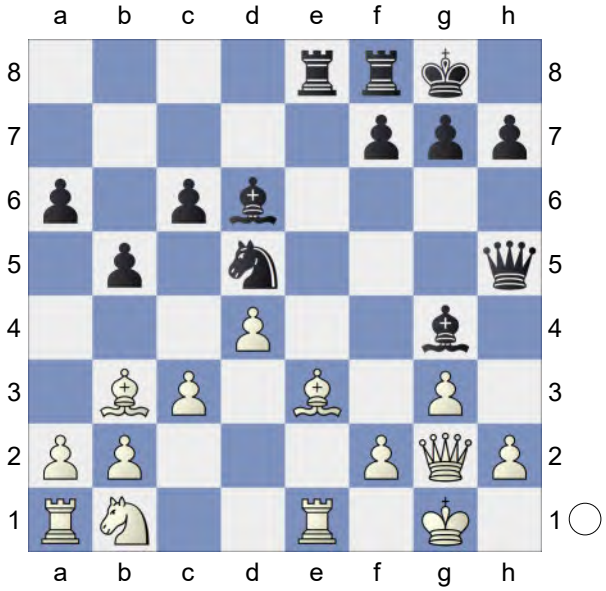
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4

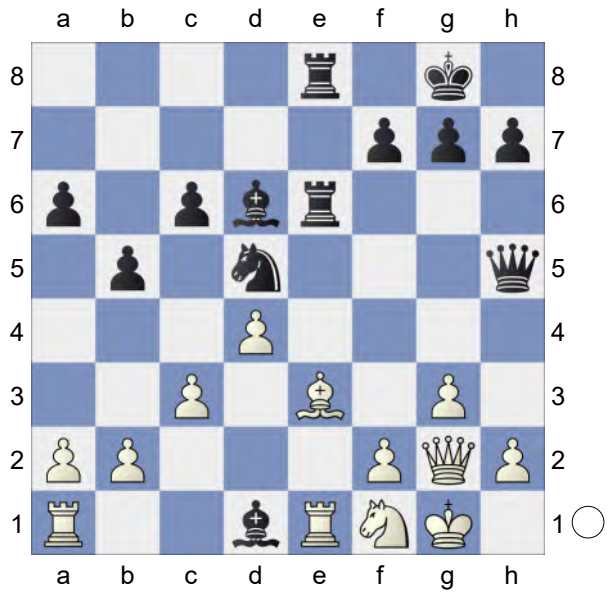


16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Be3 Rae8
[Much less strong is 17...Bf3 18.Qf1±]



Threatens to win with ...Bf3. **18.Nd2**
Against Bf3 **18...Re6** 0.38/19
[18...Bh3= 0.01/19 19.Qh1 Bc7]
[18...Re7 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Bf4 Bh3 21.Qf3 Bg4 22.Qg2 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 ½-½ (24) Grischuk,A (2771)-Tomashevsky,E (2699) Russia 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]

19.Nf1N -0.28/21
[19.a4± 0.38/19 Rfe8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 h6 22.Rb7 Bh3 23.Qf3 Bg4 24.Qg2 Bh3 25.Qf3 ½-½ (25) Safarli, E (2638)-Tomashevsky,E (2740) Moscow 2012 [Mikhalevski, V]]
[19.f3 Nxe3 20.Qf2 Nd5 21.fxg4 Qxg4 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.Nxf3 Rfe8 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.Kf2 Rf6 26.Re1 g5 27.Kg2 h6 28.Nd2 Kg7 29.Bxd5 cxd5 30.Nf1 Re6 31.Ne3 Kg6 32.Kf2 Rf6+ 33.Ke2 Re6 Zalkind,K (2445)-Chapter 2,4 (2411) Dortmund 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson] ½-½ (97)]
19...Rfe8
[Much worse is 19...Bf3 20.Bd1 Bxd1 21.Raxd1=]
20.Bd1 Bxd1



21.Raxd1 f5 22.Bd2 Rxe1! 23.Rxe1 Rxe1 24.Bxe1 Qd1 25.Bd2 g6

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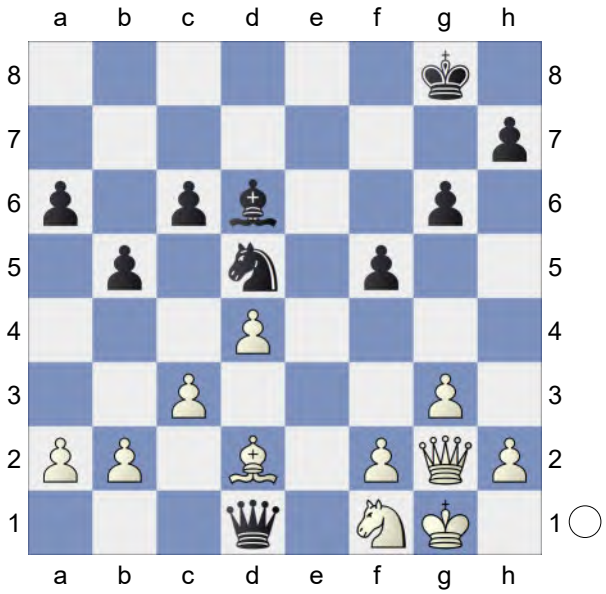
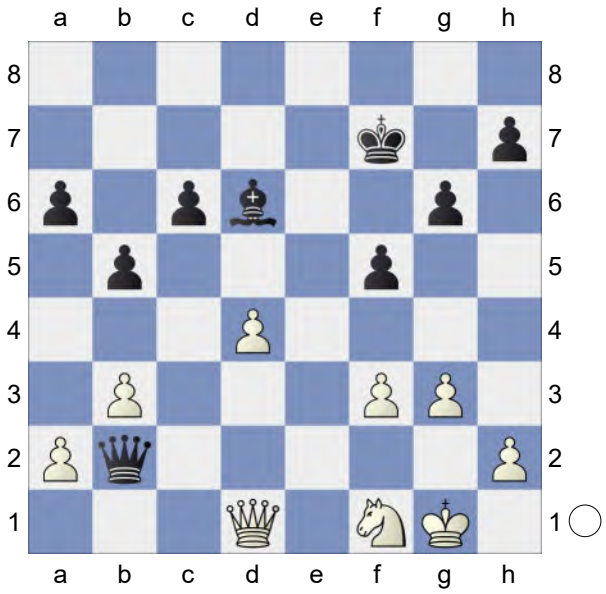
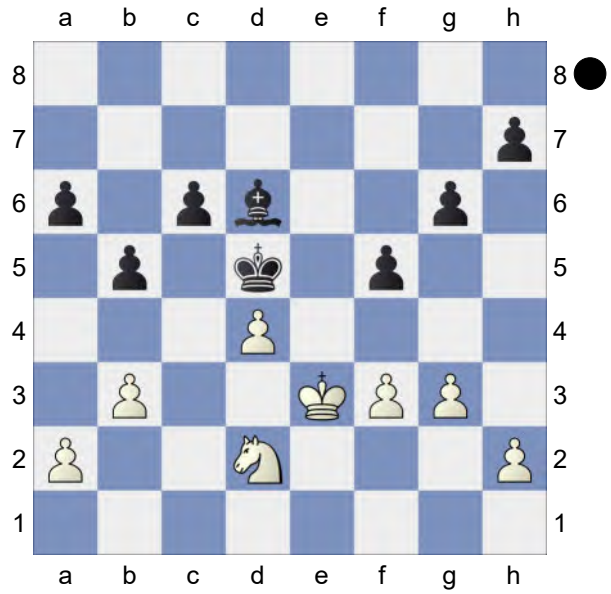


26.f3 Kf7 27.b3 -0.73/23
[27.a3= -0.17/19 remains equal.]
27...Qa1∓ &Nero is much more active. White is on the road to losing. **28.Qe2 Nxc3 29.Bxc3 Qxc3 30.Qd1** -1.38/21
[White should play 30.Qe3 -1.00/21 Qxe3+ 31.Nxe3]
30...Qb2

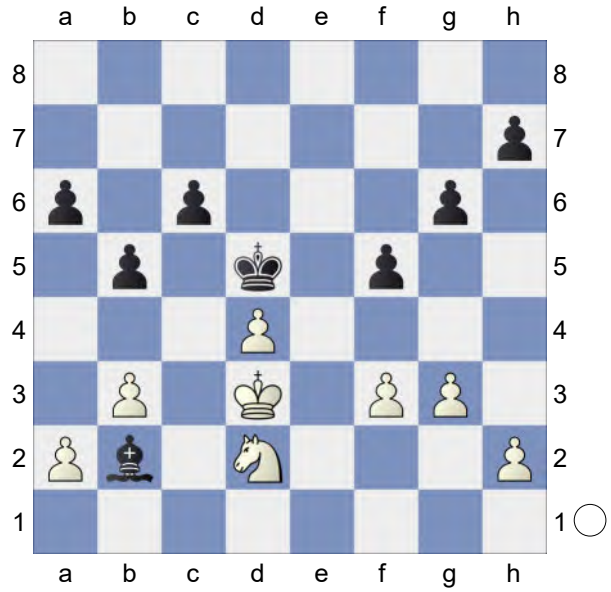


31.Qd2 -1.91/21
[31.Qd3∓ -1.45/19 was called for.]
31...Qxd2-+ 32.Nxd2 Endgame KB-KN
32...Ke6 33.Kf2 -2.51/27
[33.f4 -1.90/27 was worth a try.]

33...Kd5 34.Ke3

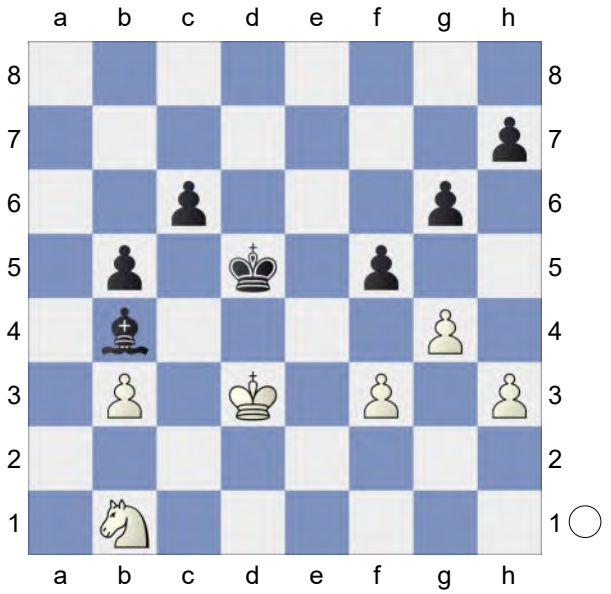


Ba3! And now ...Bc1 would win. **35.Kd3 Bb2**

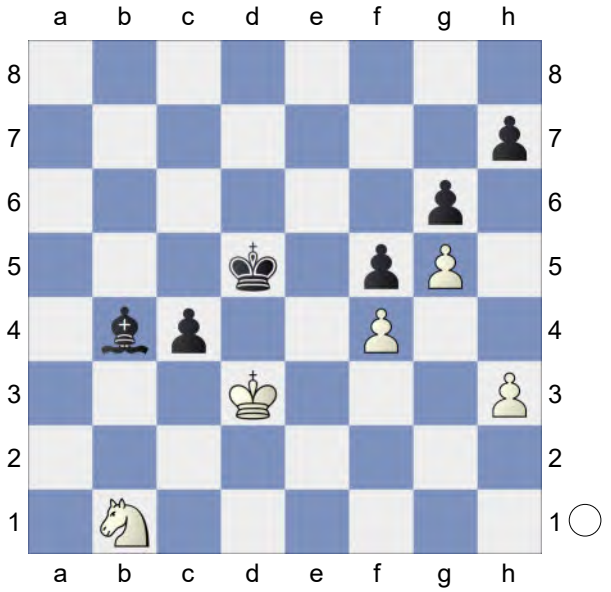


36.h3 Bxd4 37.a4 Bf2 38.g4 -4.52/25
[38.Nf1 -2.27/23 is a better defense.]
38...Be1 39.axb5 -6.27/28
[39.Nb1 -3.91/24 Bb4 40.gxf5]
39...axb5 40.Nb1 Bb4

(Diagram)



41.Ke3 Ke5 42.f4+ Kd5 ...c5 is the strong threat. **43.Kd3 c5 44.g5 c4+ 45.bxc4+ bxc4+**



46.Ke3 Kc5 47.h4 Kd5 48.h5 Kc5 49.h6 Kd5 50.Kf3 Kd4

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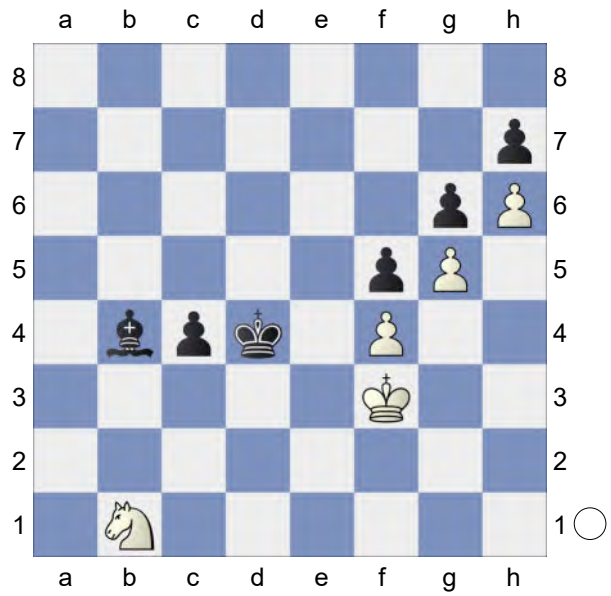
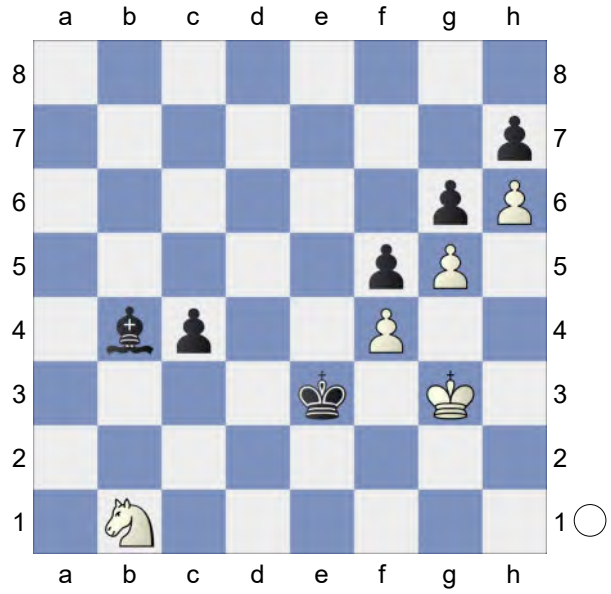


Black mates. **51.Kf2 Ke4 52.Kg3 Ke3**

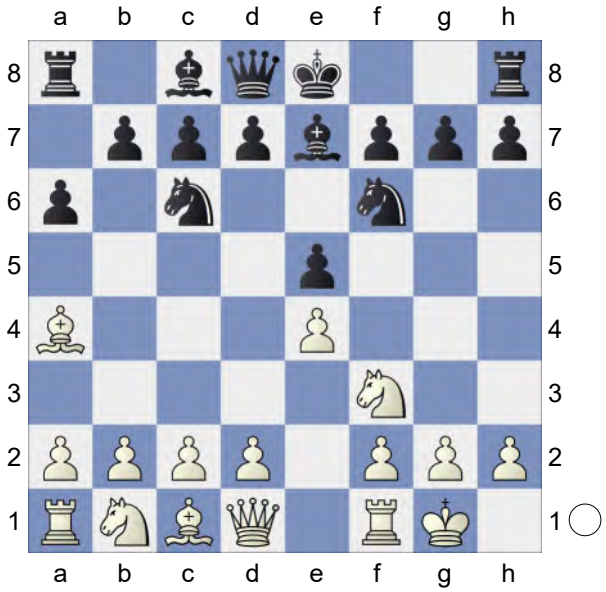


Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

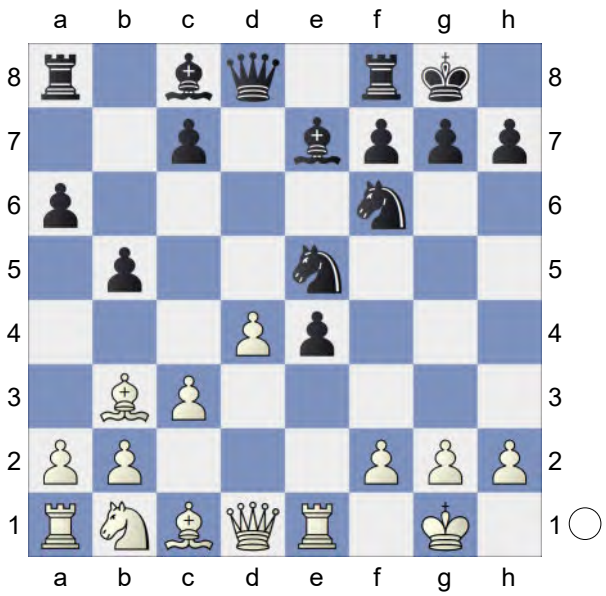
65 **C89**
□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2186**
■ **Utsab Chatterjee** **2289**
48. Badalona Open 2024 (5) 06.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 0.11/19
[9.exd5± 0.56/21 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5]
9...dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5!

(Diagram)



10...Nxe5 scores better than 10...Bb7.
10...Sxe5 punktet besser als 10...Lb7.
11.dxe5 Ng4 1.48/22
[11...Qxd1= 0.18/21 12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 Bb7 14.Nd2 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Rfe8 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bf4 f6 Antipov,M (2520)-14. ♕h6 ♖c3 15.bc3 ♕c7 (2435) 77/(142) Göteborg 2000]
12.Qd4N 0.93/21
[⌓12.Rxe4 1.48/22 Qxd1+ 13.Bxd1 Nh6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Nd2 Rd8 17.Nf1 Bf5 18.Rf4 Bg6 19.Rd1 Bg5 20.Rfd4 Re8 21.h4 c5 22.Rg4 Rxe5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Rd5 Rxd5 25.Bxd5 h6 26.Rg3 Rd8 27.Ne3 Kg7 28.Rf3 1-0 Nurmanova, A (2118)-Mohammadi,M (1979) Asian Continental blitz (Women) op 20th 2023 (3) c4 29.a3 h5 30.Bb7 a5 31.Bc6 Rb8 32.Nf5+ Kh7 33.Nd4 b4 34.axb4 axb4 35.Bb5 bxc3 36.bxc3 Rc8 37.Re3 Bd3 38.Re7 Kg6 39.Ra7 Rd8 40.Nc6 Rd6 41.Ne5+ Kf6 42.Nxf7 Re6 43.Nd8 1-0 Ujhazi,D (2118)-Nielsen,R (1979) 017 Linz 2015 (3)]
12...Bf5N 1.83/21
[Vorgänger: 12...Qxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7

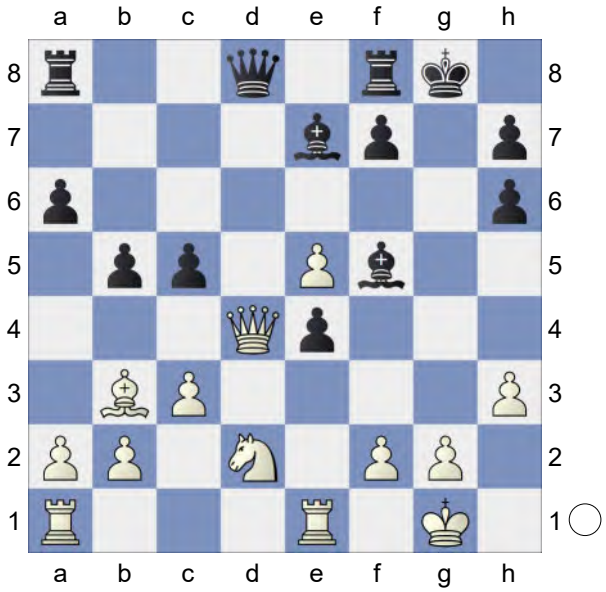
1.71/20 *(13...Rd8± 1.07/20)* 14.h3+- Nh6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Nc3 Rad8 Dodges Bb3-d5 17.Rad1 Black must now prevent d4-d5! Bb4 2.12/21 *(17...c5± 1.60/20 keeps fighting.)* 18.d5+- c5 1-0 Szpar,M (2331)-Holes, M (2096) Tatry op Tatranska Lomnica 2017 (1)]

[12...Bb7± 0.93/21]

13.h3+- Nh6 14.Bxh6 0.71/21

[14.Nd2+- 1.64/21 is more deadly.]

14...gxh6± 15.Nd2 c5!



16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Rd2 19.Rg4+ Kh8 20.Rd1 Rxd1+

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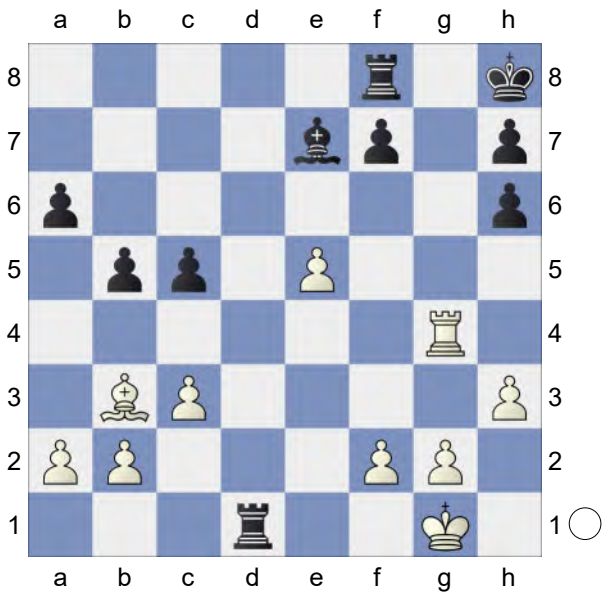
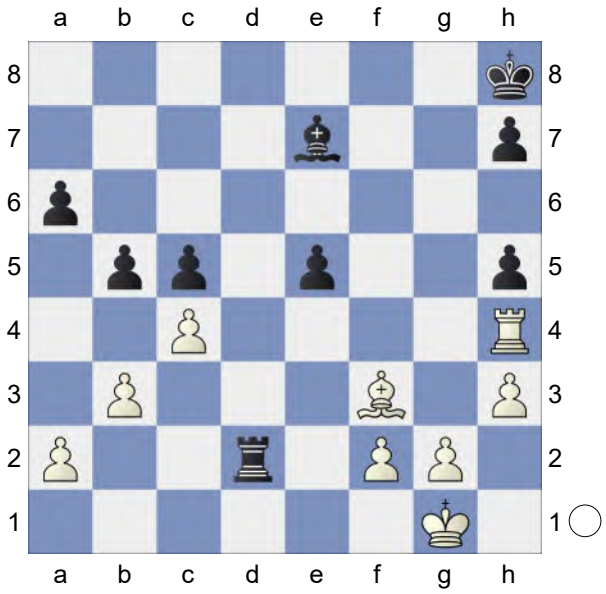


21.Bxd1± Endgame. KRB-KRB **21...Rd8 22.Bf3 Rd2 23.b3 f6 24.c4** 0.54/24

[24.Kf1± 0.90/22]

24...h5 25.Rh4 fxe5 1.12/25

[Black should try 25...bxc4± 0.55/23 26.bxc4 Rxa2]



26.Rxh5± Bf8 27.Rxe5 Rxa2

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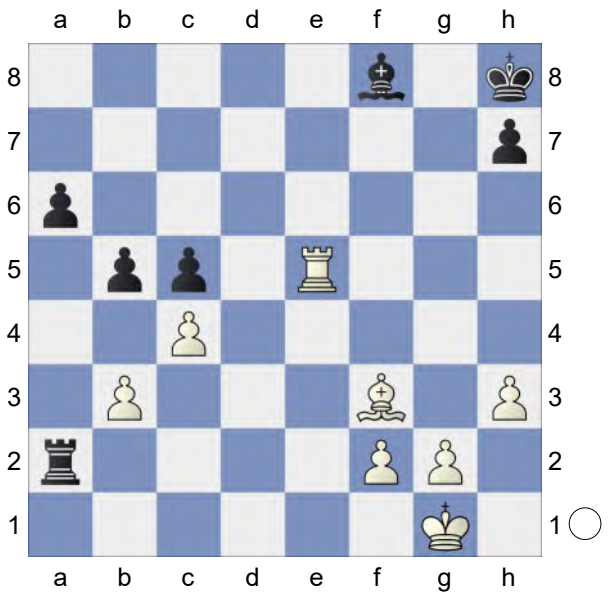
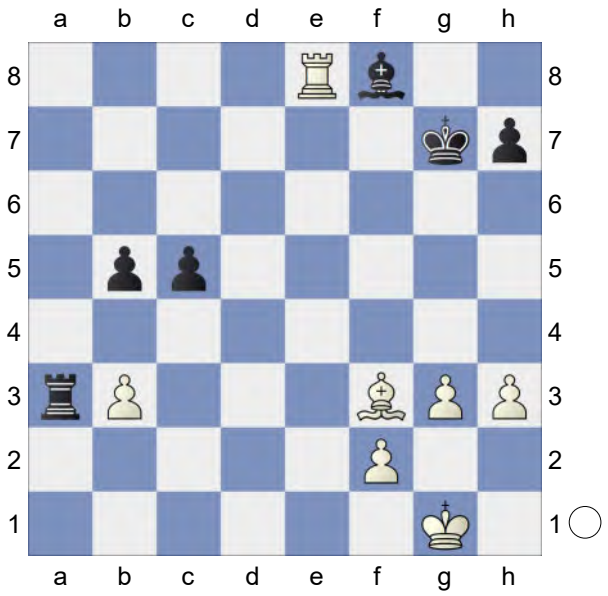
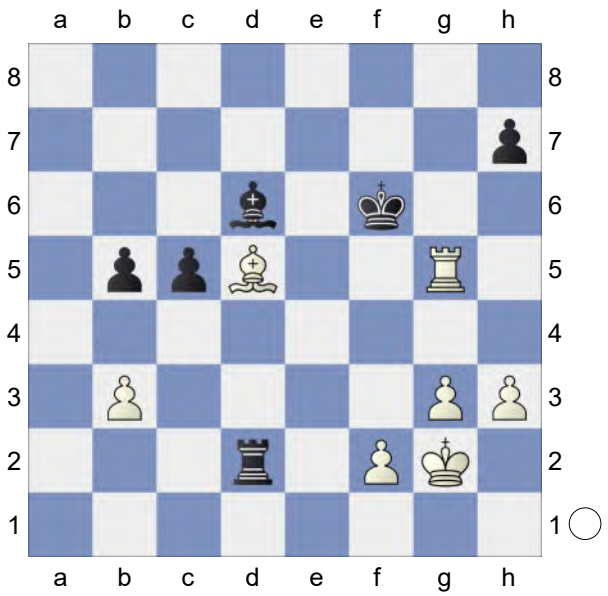


Threatens to win with ...Ra2-a1+. **28.Re8 Kg7 29.g3 Ra3 30.cxb5 axb5**

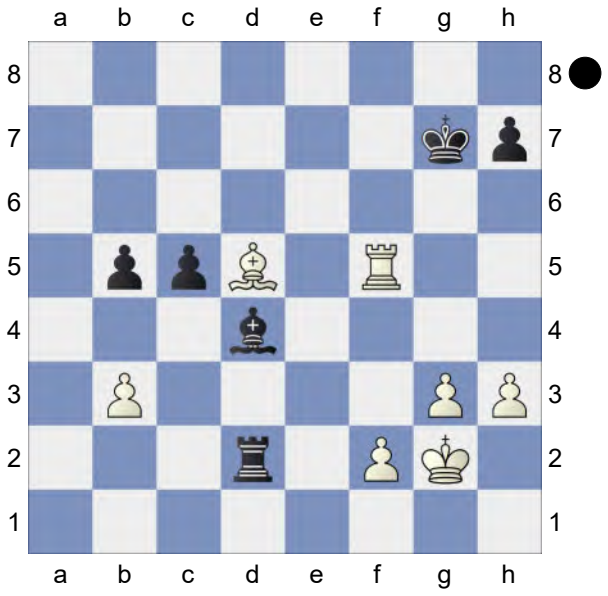


31.Bd5 Ra1+ 32.Kg2 Rd1 33.Re5 0.59/22
[33.Bc6± 0.98/21]
33...Rd2 1.11/22
[33...Rd4± 0.59/22]
34.Rf5 Bd6 35.Rg5+ 0.56/23
[35.Kf3± 1.10/22]
35...Kf6±

(Diagram)



36.Rh5 0.08/24
[36.h4± 0.51/24 deserves consideration.]
36...Be5= 37.Be4 Bd4 38.Rf5+ Kg7 39.Bd5



Bxf2! Deflection **40.Kf3 Bd4**

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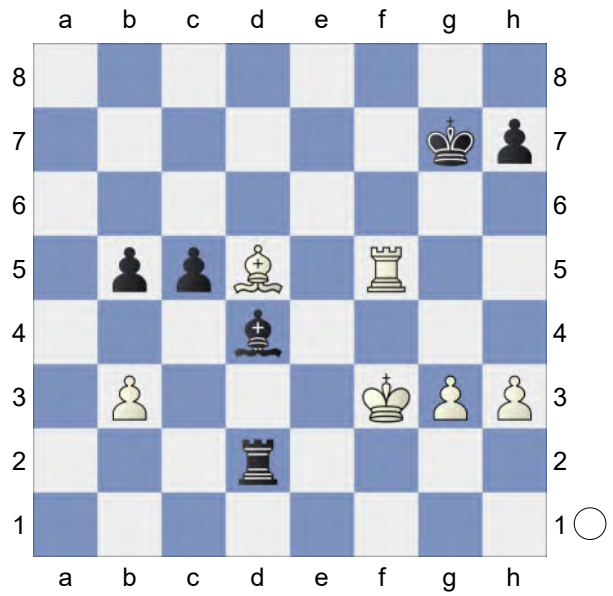
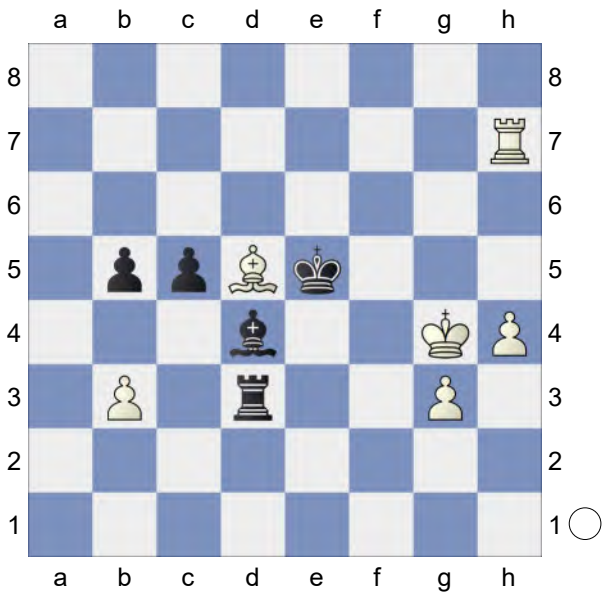
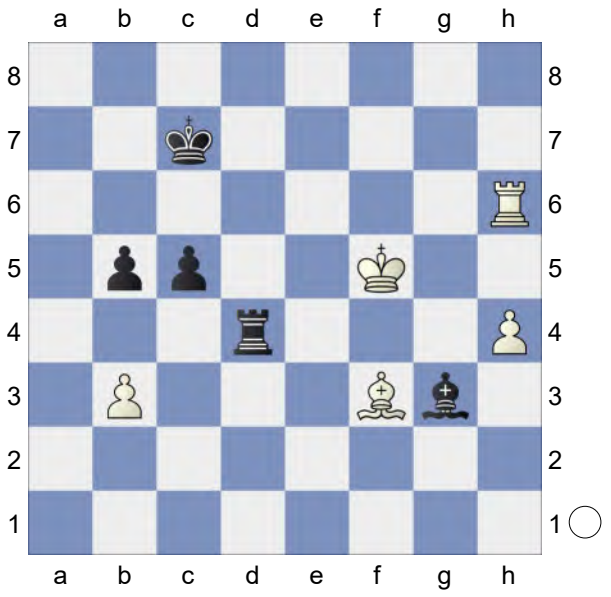


41.Rf7+ Kh6 0.60/23
[Better is 41...Kg6= -0.01/22 42.Rd7 Rf2+ 43.Ke4 Re2+ 44.Kf4 Rf2+ 45.Ke4 Re2+ 46.Kf4 Rf2+ 47.Ke4]
42.Rb7± Kg5 43.h4+
[43.Rxb5 Rf2+ 44.Ke4 Re2+ 45.Kf3 Rf2+ 46.Ke4 Re2+ 47.Kf3 Rf2+=]
[Don't play 43.Rxh7 Rf2+ 44.Ke4 Re2+ 45.Kf3 Re3+ 46.Kg2 Re2+ 47.Kf1 Re3=]
43...Kf6 44.Rxh7 Rd3+ 45.Kg4 0.14/22
White is more active.
[45.Kg2± 0.61/23
is more appropriate.]
45...Ke5=

(Diagram)



The position is equal. **46.Rh5+ Kd6 47.Kf4 Bf2 48.Bf3 Rd4+ 49.Kf5 Bxg3** ...Rd4-f4+ is the strong threat. **50.Rh6+ Kc7**



51.Be4 Rd6 52.Rh7+ Rd7 53.Rh6 Rd6 54.Rh8 Rd8 55.Rxd8 Kxd8

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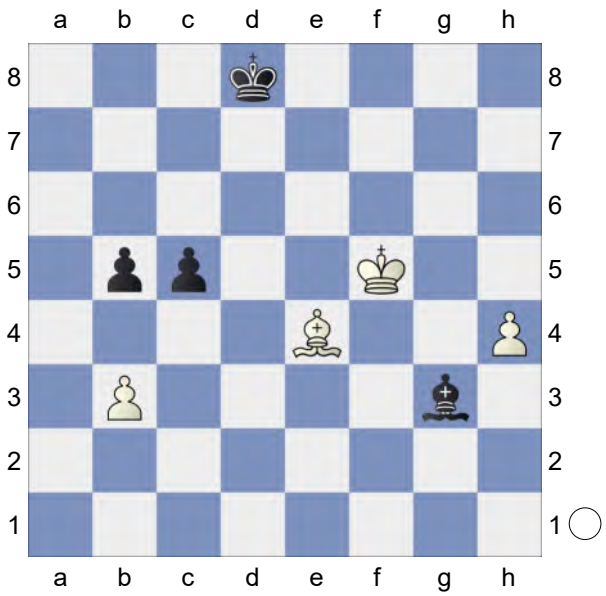

56.h5 Ke7 57.h6 h6-h7 would kill now.
57...Kf8 58.Bd5 Bf2 59.Bc6 c4
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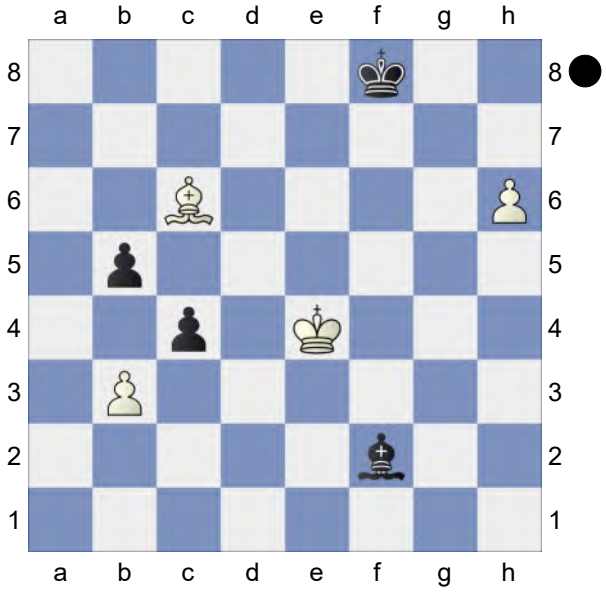
60.Ke4



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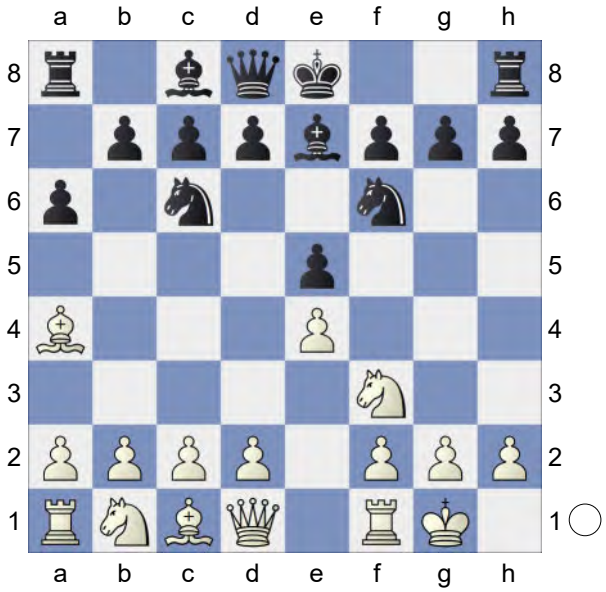
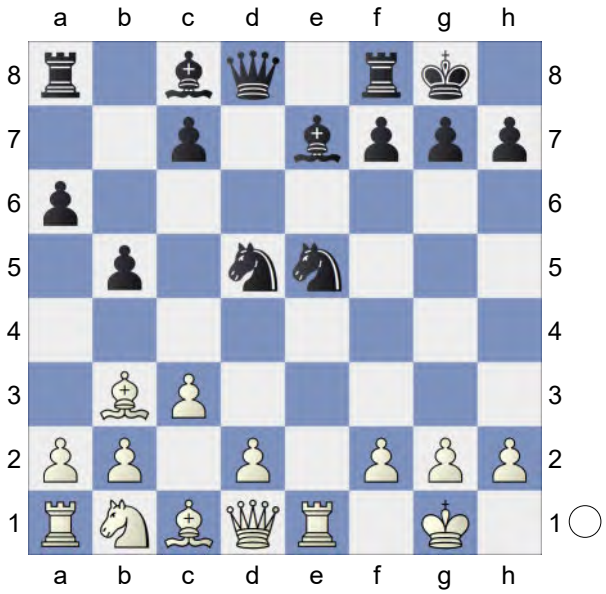
66 **C89**
□ **Volchkova,Alena** **1913**
■ **Goganov,Aleksey** **2463**
St.Petersburg Rapid GP (3.4) 24.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

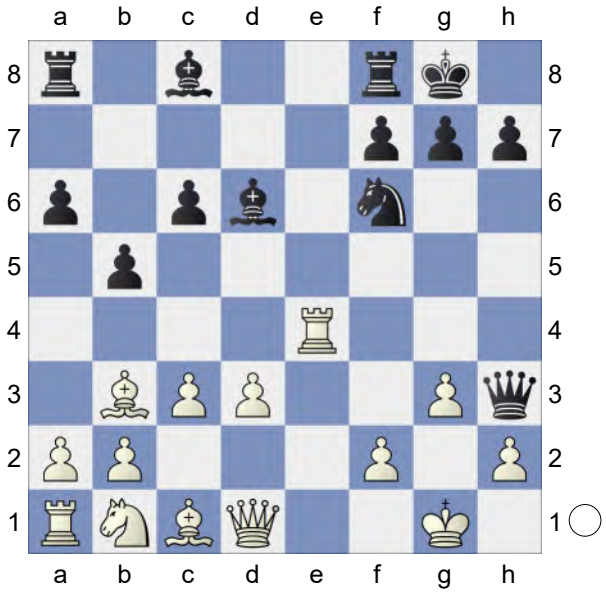
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 0.66/20
[15...Qf5= 0.24/18
is more appropriate.]



16.Rh4± Qf5 17.Nd2 0.27/21
[17.d4± 0.72/20]
17...Qg6N 0.98/19 Recently 17...Ng4 got a lot of attention.17...Sg4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit.
[17...Ng4= 0.27/21 18.f3 Ne3 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Nf1 Qg6 21.c4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Nxd3 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bd2 Re8 25.Kh1 Bc5 26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4 Nf2+ 28.Qxf2 Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5 31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8 0-1 Sacrificial Line (2461)-Coudrain,J (2580) Saint Petersburg 59/(537) 1993 (5)]
[17...g5 18.Rh6 *(18.Rd4 Bc5 19.Nf3 h6 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Bd6 Bb6* 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6_82883-Kotliar,M Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) 2006*)* 18...Ng4 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Marshall Attack 5 Ruy Lopez: Masterclass Edition]
[17...Re8 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Rxe4 20.dxe4 Qxe4 21.Bc2 Qe7 22.Bg5 f6 23.Be3 Be6 24.Qf3 Qd7

25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Be4 Bxa2 27.Bb6 Bb3 28.Rd4 c5 29.Bxc5 Qe6 30.c4 Bxc4 31.Bb6 f5 32.Rxc4 1-0 Polgar,J (2728)-Svidler,P (2735) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (1)]

[17...Bb7 18.Ne4 Rad8 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qh5 h6 21.Rg4 Kh8 22.Bg5 Qf5 23.Qh3 Bc8 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.Qh4 Rf8 26.Re4 c5 27.Rae1 Bb7 28.R4e3 c4 29.Bd1 cxd3 30.Qg4 Qf6 31.Bf3 Bc8 32.Qd4 1-0 Sly,D (2111)-B6 (2261) Jurajski mem2 corr9294 1992 (4)]

18.Ne4 0.33/20

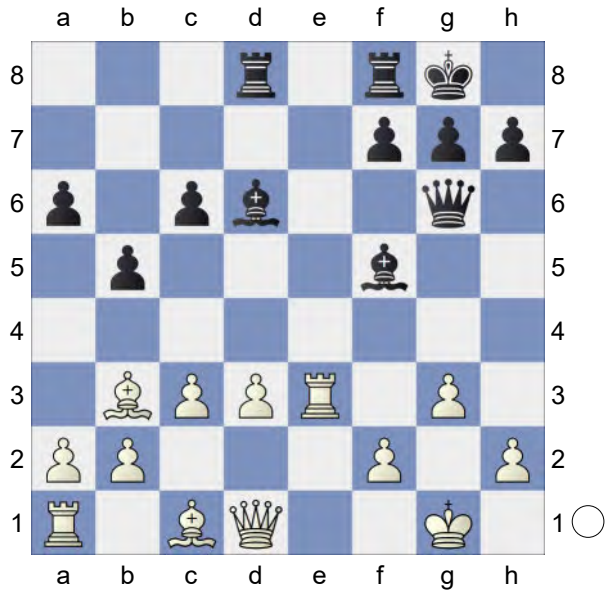
[18.Nf3± 0.98/19]

18...Nxe4 19.Rxe4

[19.dxe4 Be7 20.Rf4 Bg5-+]

19...Bf5 20.Re3 Rad8N

[Vorgänger: 20...Bf4 21.Re1! Bc7 22.Qf3 Rae8 23.Be3 Be3-c5 is the strong threat. Bg4 24.Qg2 Qf5 Dodges Be3-c5 25.Bd1 Repels Bg4-f3 Re6 1.44/21 *(⌓25...Bxd1 0.96/22 26.Rexd1 Re6)* 26.Bxg4± Qxg4 ½-½ Idani,P (2631)-Esipenko,A (2680) AUT-chT 2223 2022 (2.1)]

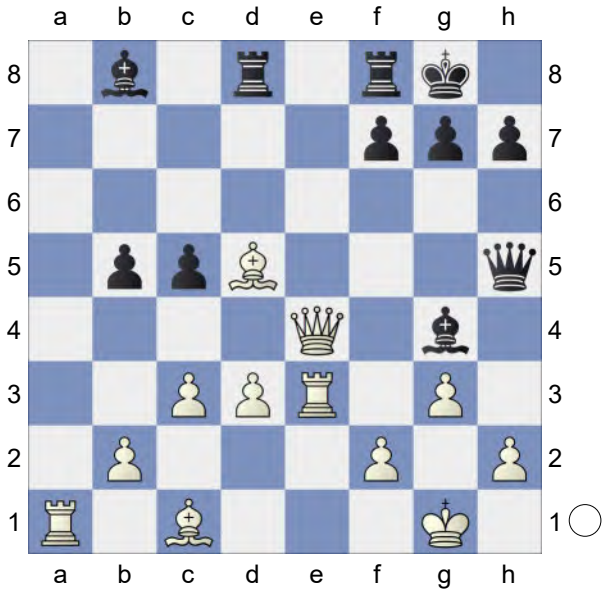


21.Qf3 c5 22.a4 Bb8 23.axb5 axb5

24.Bd5 Bg4 25.Qe4 0.18/21

[25.Qg2± 0.73/20]

25...Qh5 0.85/21



26.c4 0.40/21

[White should try 26.Bc6± 0.85/21]

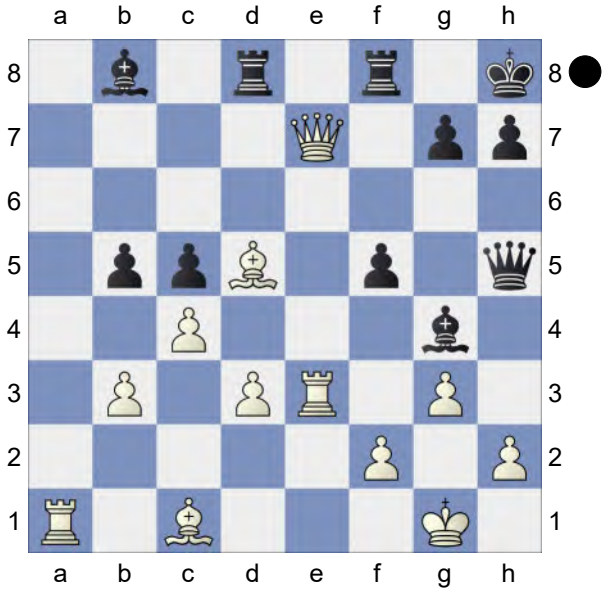
26...Kh8 0.99/19

[26...Bf5± 0.40/21 27.Qf3 Bg4]

27.b3 f5 1.57/22

[Black should play 27...f6± 0.65/21]

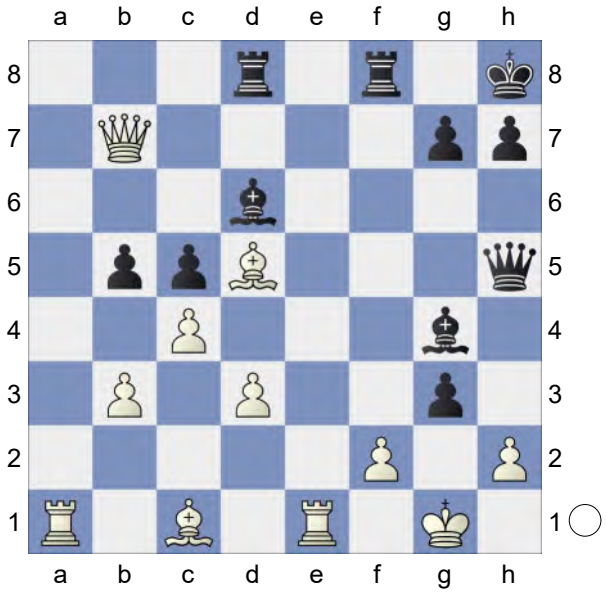
28.Qe7±



Strongly threatening Bc1-b2. **28...Bd6 29.Qb7** -4.07/22 This costs White the game.

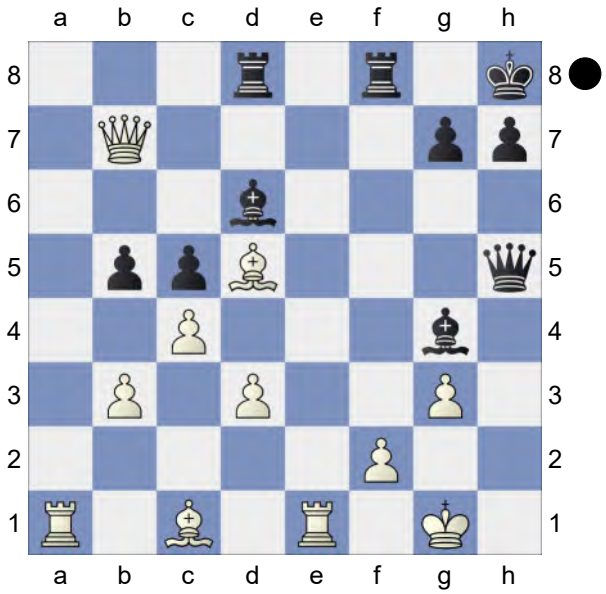
[29.Qh4± 1.35/20 is necessary to keep the advantage. Hoping for Qh4xh5. Qxh4 30.gxh4]

29...f4-+ 30.Re1 fxg3→

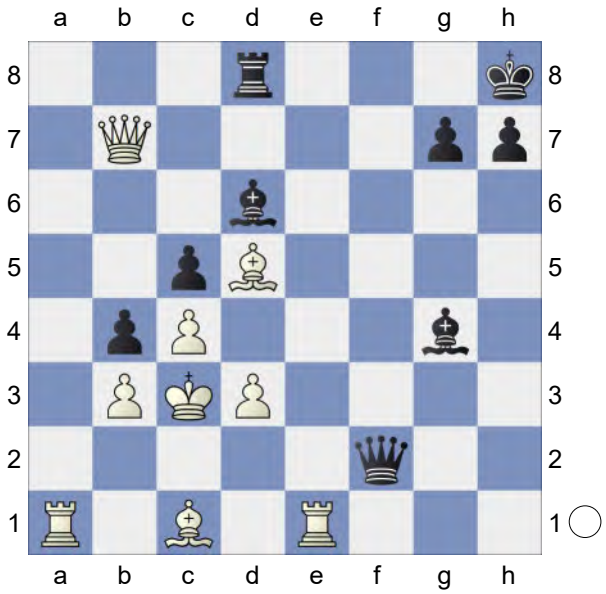


Black wants a kill. **31.hxg3** -#12/20

[31.fxg3-+ -2.53/20 Be5 32.Bf4 Bd4+ *(32...Bxa1 33.Rxa1 Qg6 34.Qe7-+; 32...Bxf4 33.gxf4 bxc4 34.dxc4=)* 33.Kg2]



31...Rxf2!! Decoy. Black mates. **32.Kxf2 Qh2+ 33.Ke3 Qxg3+ 34.Kd2 Qf2+ 35.Kc3 b4+**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.26 (precise)

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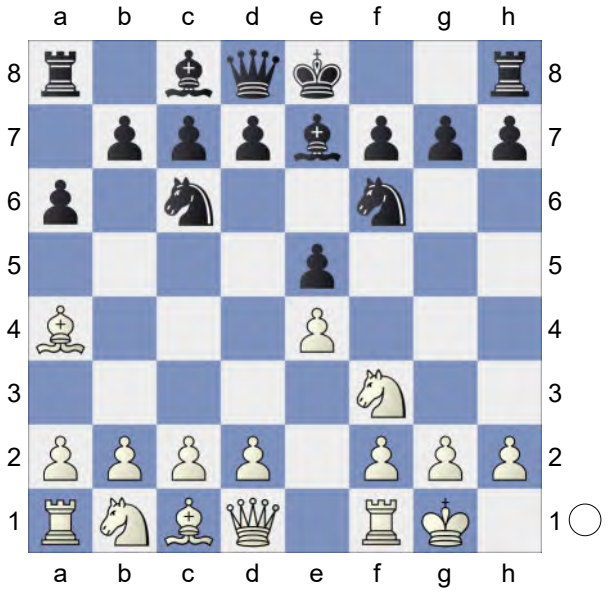
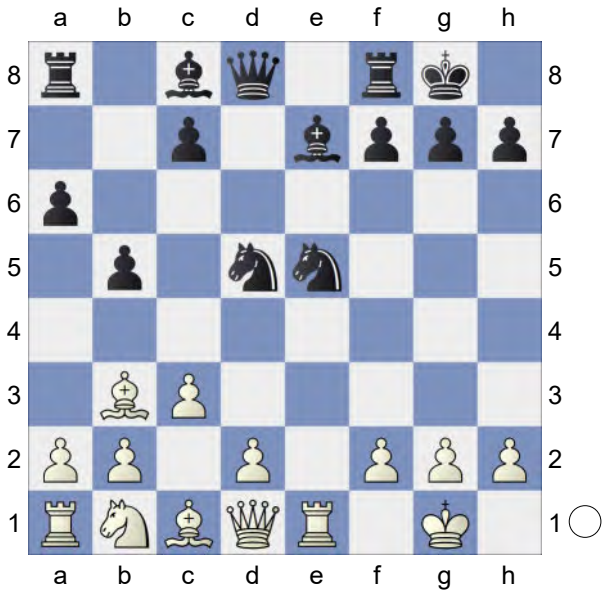
67 **C89**
□ **Warsia,Khusbu** **1959**
■ **Vallee,Louis** **2314**
Titled Tue 15. Oct Early (10) 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Rh5

-0.17/21
[⌓13.Re1 0.21/19]
13...Re8 0.21/20
[⌓13...g6 -0.17/21 14.Rh6 *(14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Rh6 Re8 16.g3 Bg4 17.Qf1 Bf8 18.Rh4 Be2 19.Qh3 h5 20.Be3 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qe7 22.e4 dxe4 23.Nd2 f5 24.Re1 Bg4 25.Rxg4 hxg4 26.Qg2 Re8 27.Nf1 Bh6 28.Ne3 Qe6* Akesson,R (2467)-Malaniuk,V (2534) Warsaw POL 2006 [Glenn Flear] 0-1 (54) *29.a3 Qa2 30.Qc2 a5 31.Ng2 Qc4 32.Qe2 Qd5 33.Ne3 Qb3 34.Ng2 Rc8 35.Ra1 Kh7 36.Rf1 Rc4 37.Rf2 b4 38.axb4 axb4 39.Qc2 Qa2 40.Re2 bxc3 41.bxc3 Qa1+ 42.Re1 Qxc3 43.Qxc3 Rxc3* Bremner,J (1670)-Zolnierowicz,K (2017) St Petersburg 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 0-1 (54) *)* 14...Re8]
14.Bg5= Qd7N 0.50/20
[14...Qc7= 0.15/20 feels stronger. 15.Nd2 h6 16.Bxd5 cxd5]
[14...Bg4 15.f3 Ne3 16.Qd3 Bxh5 17.Bxd8 Bg6 18.Qd2 Raxd8 19.Na3 c5 20.Re1 cxd4 21.Nc2 Bxc2 22.Bxc2 Bc5 23.Be4 f5 24.Bd3 dxc3 25.Qxc3 Ng4+ 26.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 27.Bf1 Rdd1 28.Qc8+ Kf7 29.Qb7+ Piqueras Jimenez,M-Arellano Rodriguez,A corr 1990 UltraCorr3a [Mate Postal 107 p122] 0-1]
15.Nd2± White is slightly better. **15...g6** 0.99/20
[15...h6± 0.47/19 16.Bxd5 cxd5]

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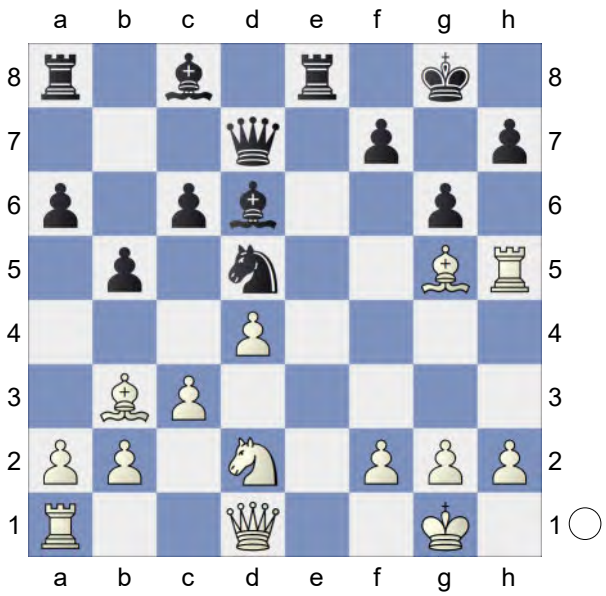
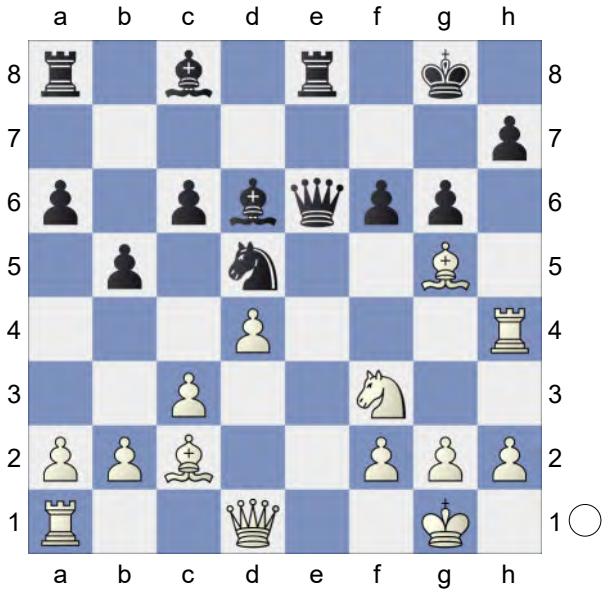
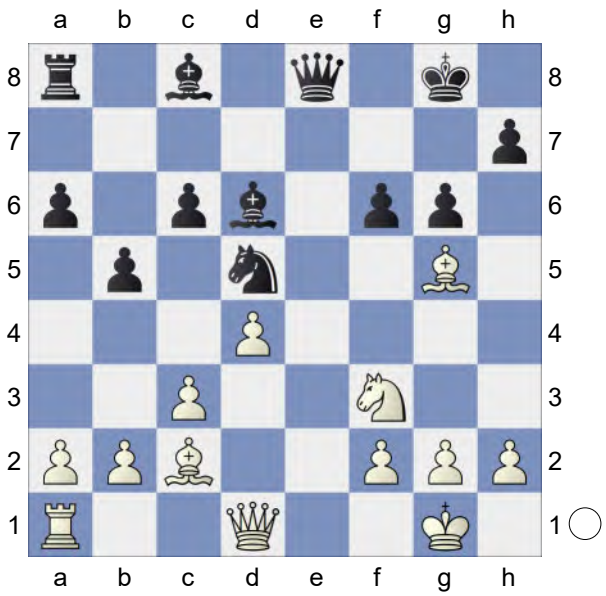


16.Rh4± Qf5 Prevents Ne4. **17.Nf3 f6 18.Bc2 Qe6**

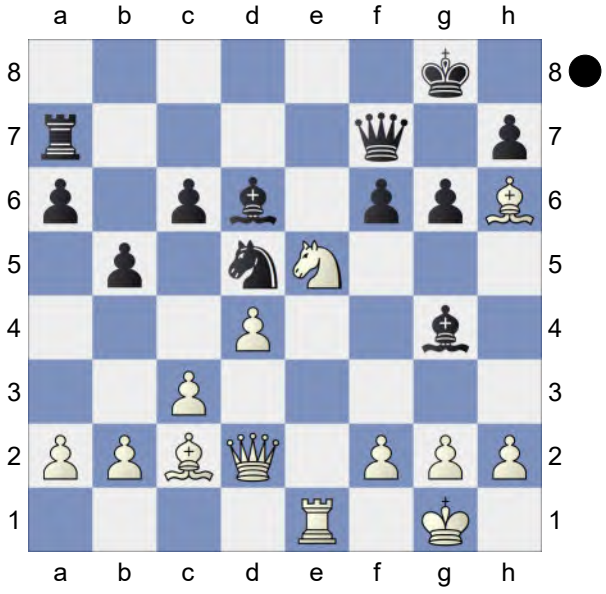


19.Re4! Qf7 And now ...Rxe4 would win. **20.Rxe8+ Qxe8**

(Diagram)



21.Bh6 Ra7 22.Qd2? -0.26/22
[22.a4± 1.29/18]
22...Bg4 0.73/19
[22...g5!= -0.26/22 keeps the balance.]
23.Re1 Qf7 24.Ne5 -1.14/19



fxe5∓ 25.dxe5 Bc5

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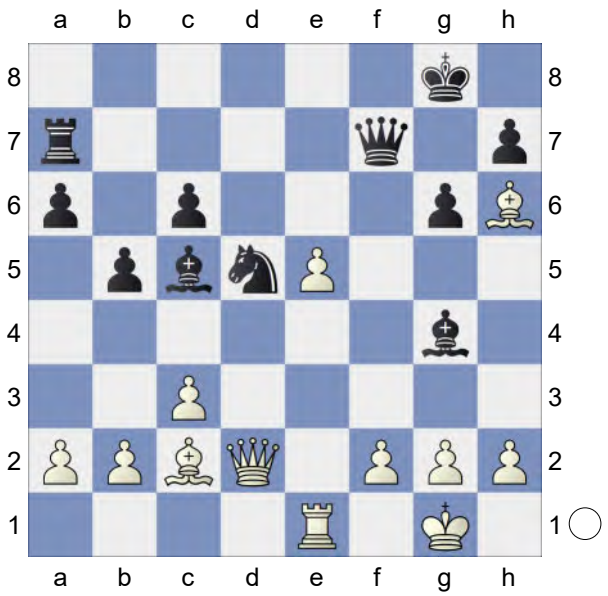
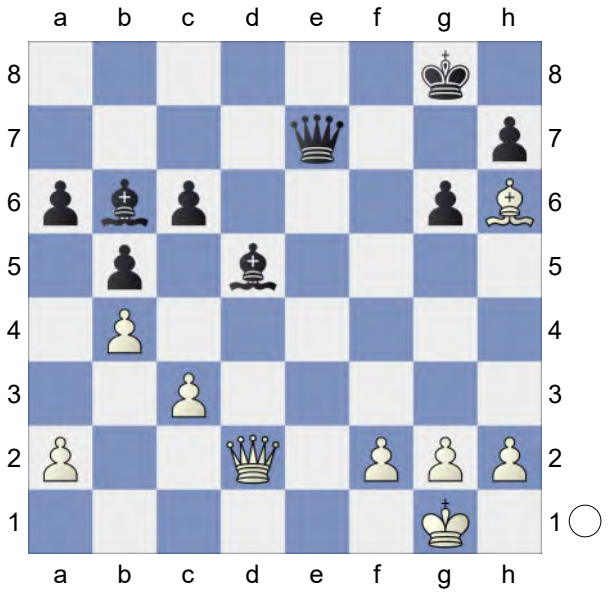


26.e6 -2.53/21 Against Rd7
[26.h3∓ -1.53/18 Be6 27.Re2]
26...Bxe6-+ 27.b4 Bb6 28.Be4 Re7
29.Bxd5? -6.69/22
[29.Bf3 -2.86/19]
29...Bxd5 30.Rxe7 Qxe7



31.Bg5 Qe4

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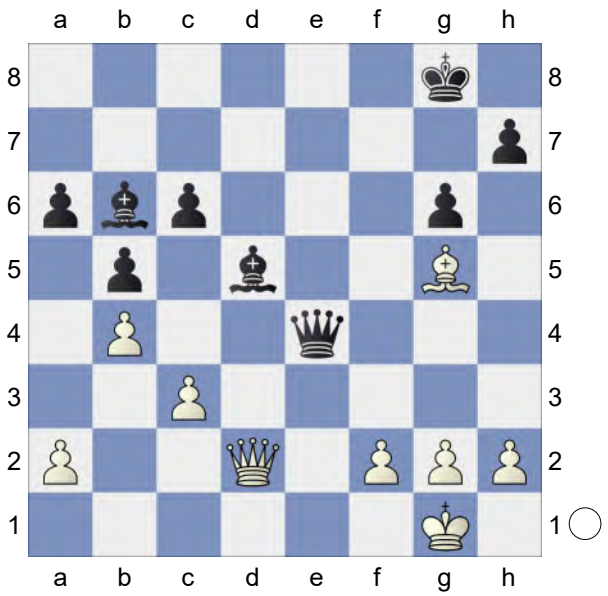

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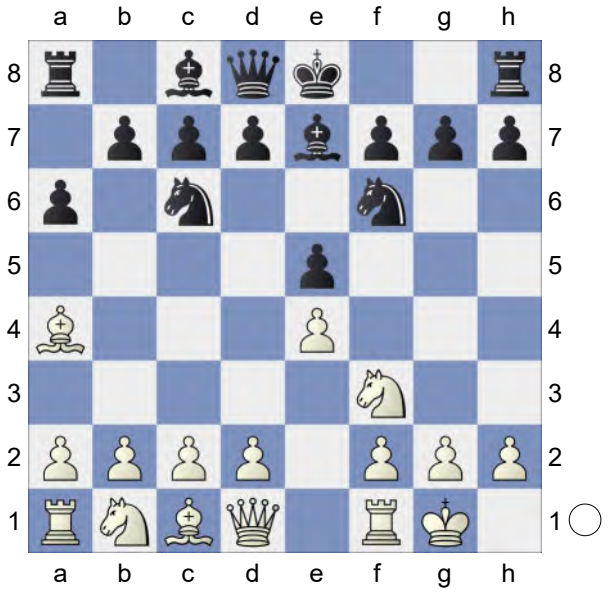
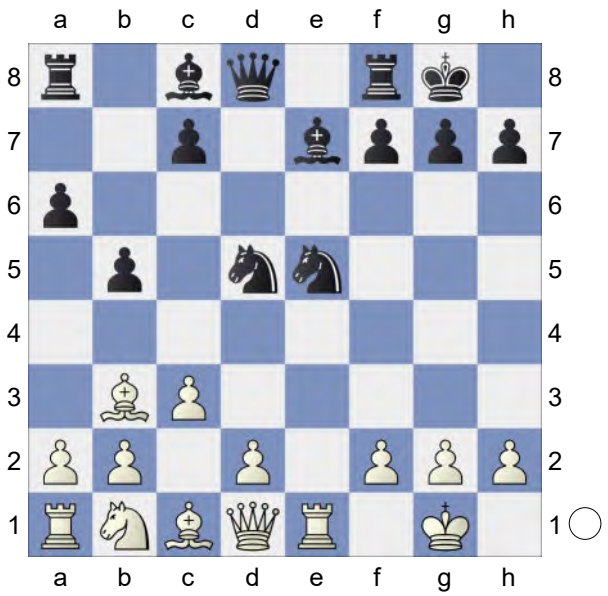
68 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2581**
■ **simbelmyne-bot** **2504**
Classical 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

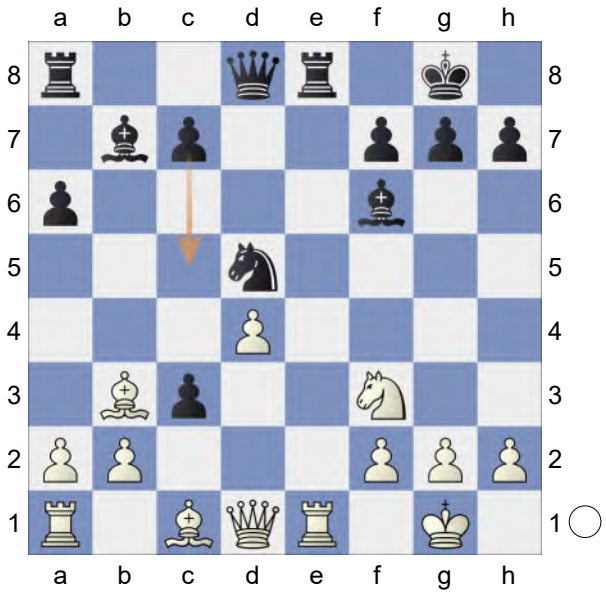
Rapid 20min+8sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

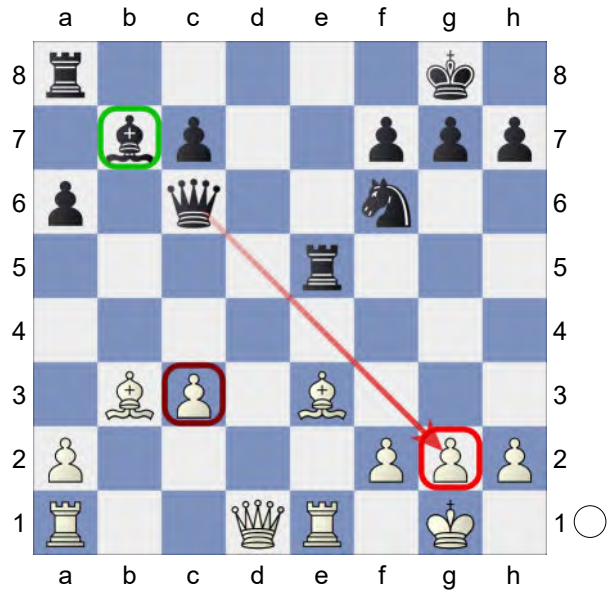


11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8
14.Nd2
[14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Na3 a5 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Qf1 b4 18.Nc2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc3 20.bxc3 a4 21.Bc4 Qc7 22.Bb5 Rc8 23.Qc4 Be5 24.Re1 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Ne7 26.Nb4 Be5 27.c6 Ba8 28.Bg5 Ng6 Yan,T (2277)-Kosteniuk,A (2532) Baku 2023 1-0 (52)]
14...b4 White is slightly better. **15.Nf3N** 0.12/19
[15.c4± 0.43/18 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 29.Kf2 Qh5 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Nxe5 De Firmian,N (2565)-Kreiman,B (2425) USA 1994 CBM 44 [Blatny,P] 1-0 (33) c5 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Ba4 ½-½ (33) De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K (2620) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Lempert,Igor]]
15...bxc3=

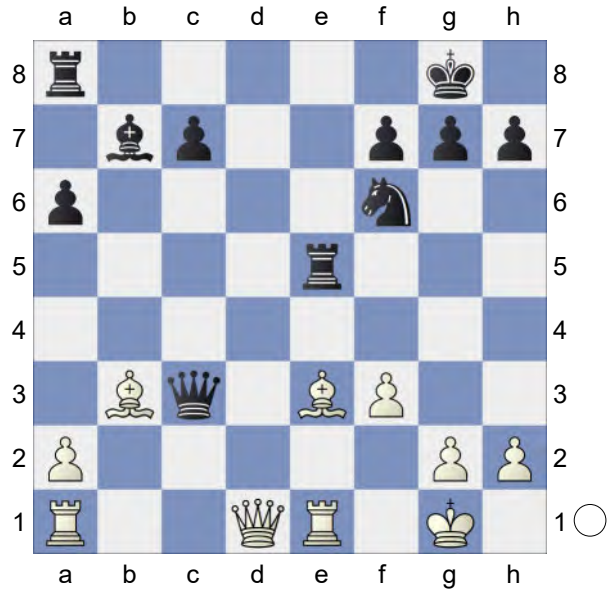


16.Ne5 Qd6 17.bxc3
[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7±]
17...Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd2 Nf6

20.Be3 Qc6



21.f3 Qxc3



22.Rc1! Qa5
[22...Qb4 23.Rxc7]
23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Bxd2 A strong pair of Bishops. **24...Rxe1+ 25.Bxe1 Bd5**

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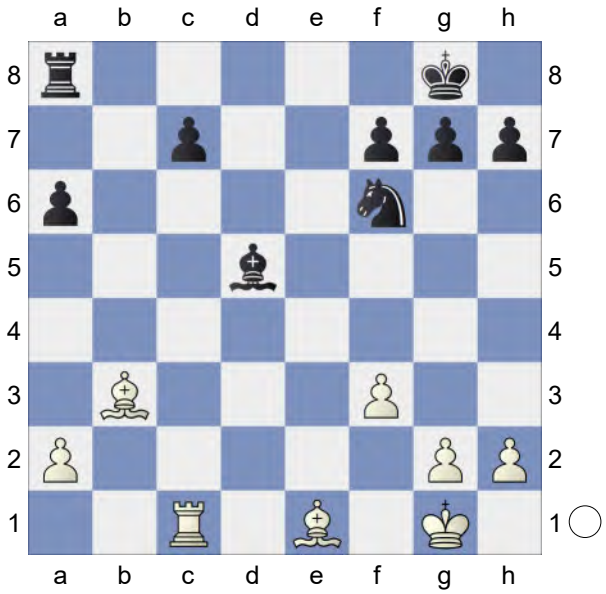
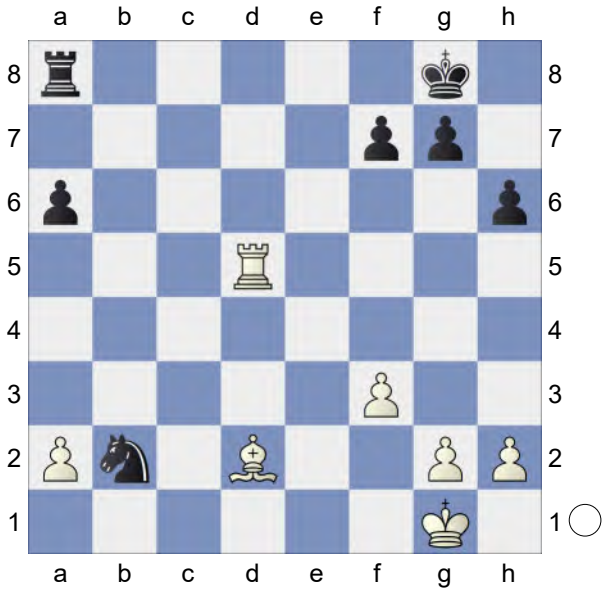


26.Rxc7 h6 27.Bxd5 Nxd5±
Endgame KRB-KRN **28.Rc5 Nf4**
29.Bd2 Nd3 30.Rd5 Nb2



31.Bc3 Nc4 32.Rc5 Nb6 33.Be1 Na4
34.Rc6 Nb2 35.Kf1 Nd3

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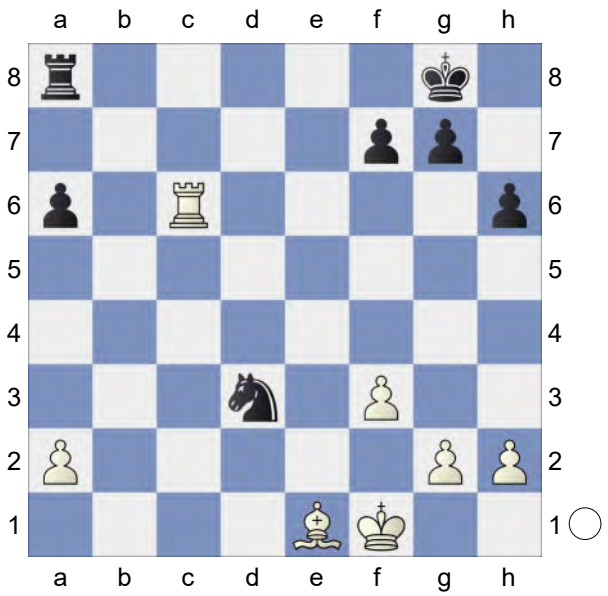
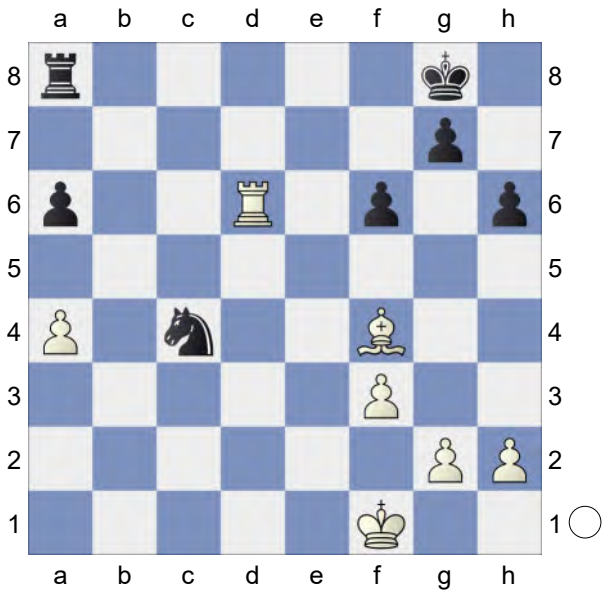


36.Bc3 Nf4 0.50/19
[36...Rb8!= 0.11/22]
37.Bd2 Ng6 38.Rd6 f6 39.a4 Ne5 40.Bf4 Nc4



41.Rc6 Na5 42.Rc3 Nb7 43.Rc7 Nd8 44.Be3 Nf7 45.Bb6 Ne5

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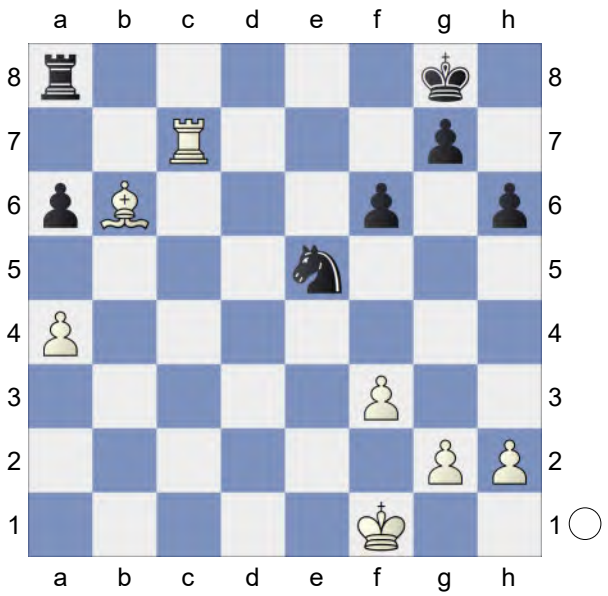
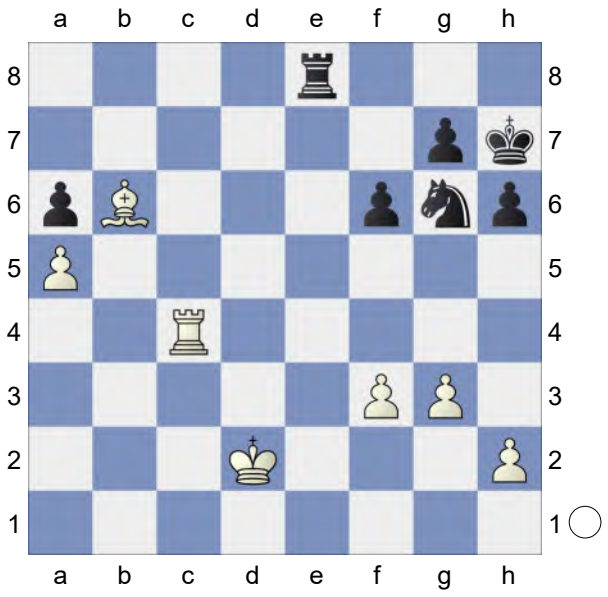


46.a5 Kh7 47.Ke2 Ng6 48.Kd2 Nh4 49.Rc4 Ng6
[49...Nxg2? 50.Rg4+-]
50.g3 Re8



51.f4 Ne7 Inhibits Rc6. **52.Rc7 Kg6 53.Ra7 Nd5 54.Rd7 Ne7 55.Kc3 Rc8+**

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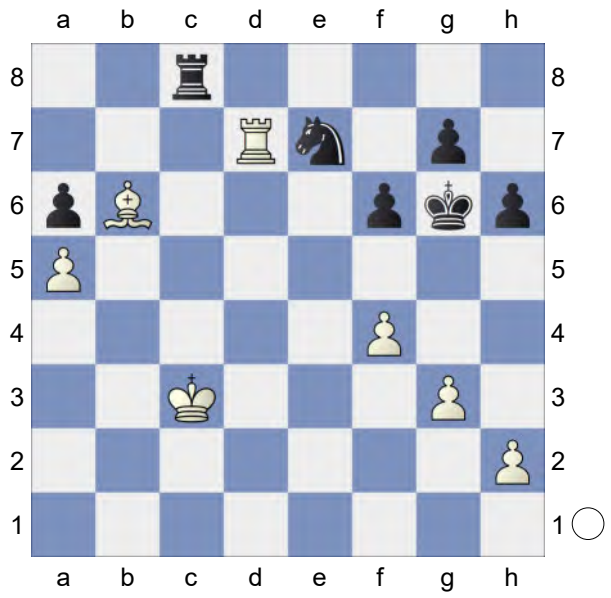
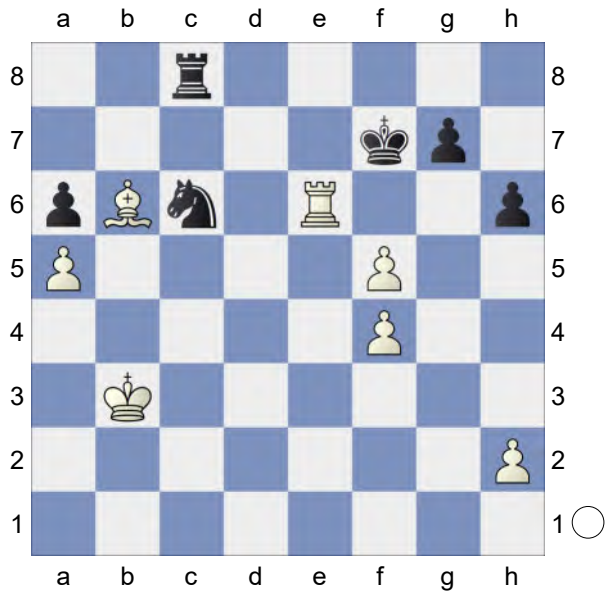
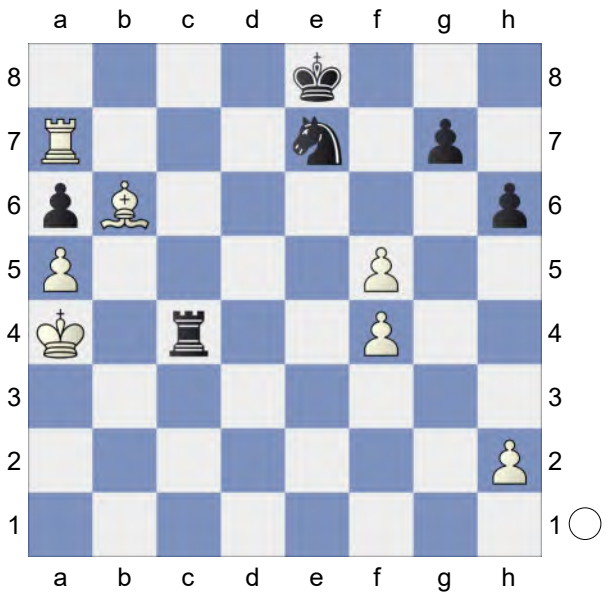


56.Kb3 Nc6 57.g4 f5 58.Rd6+ Kf7 59.gxf5 Ke7 60.Re6+ Kf7

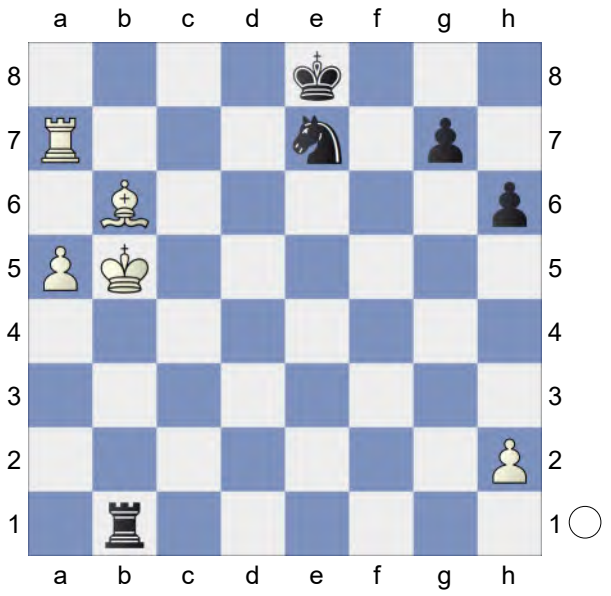


61.Rg6! Ne7 0.01/22
[61...h5± 1.01/23]
62.Rd6= Nc6 White stays focused until the end. **63.Ka4 Ne7 64.Rd7 Ke8 65.Ra7 Rc4+**

(Diagram)

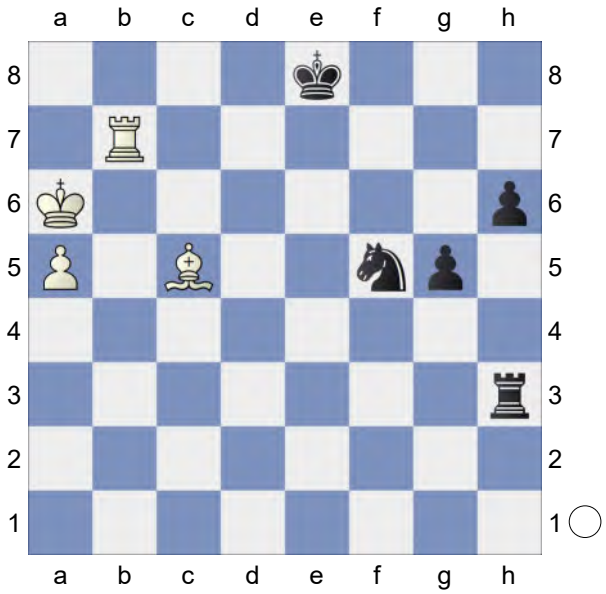


66.Kb3 Rxf4 67.Rxa6 aiming for Ra8+.
67...Rxf5 68.Kc4 Rf4+ 69.Kb5 Rf1 70.Ra7 Rb1+



71.Ka6! Rb2 72.Rc7 Nf5 73.h3 Rb3 2.71/22
[73...g5 1.89/20 was worth a try. 74.Ka7 Nd6]
74.Bc5+- g5 75.Rb7 Rxh3

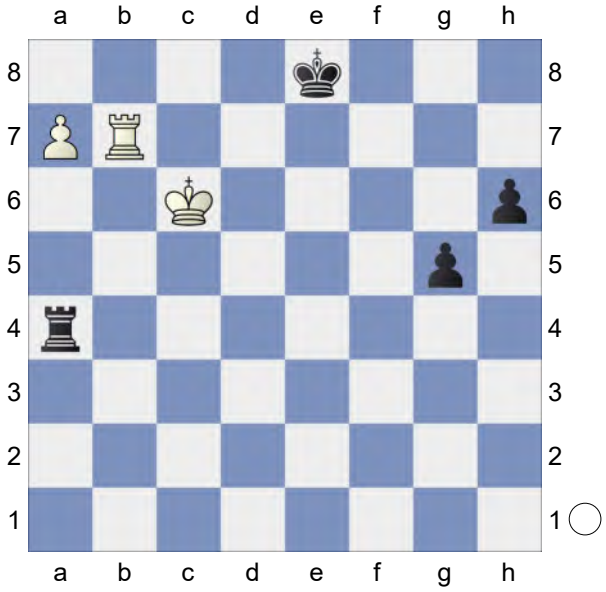
(Diagram)



76.Kb6 Rb3+ 77.Kc6 Rd3 78.a6 And now a7 would win. **78...Nd4+?** 7.05/25

[78...Rd1 3.99/21 79.a7 Ra1]

79.Bxd4 Rxd4 KR-KR **80.a7 Ra4**



81.Kd5 Ra5+ 82.Ke4 Strongly threatening Rb8+. **82...Ra4+ 83.Kf5 Ra1 84.Rb8+ Ke7 85.a8Q Rxa8**

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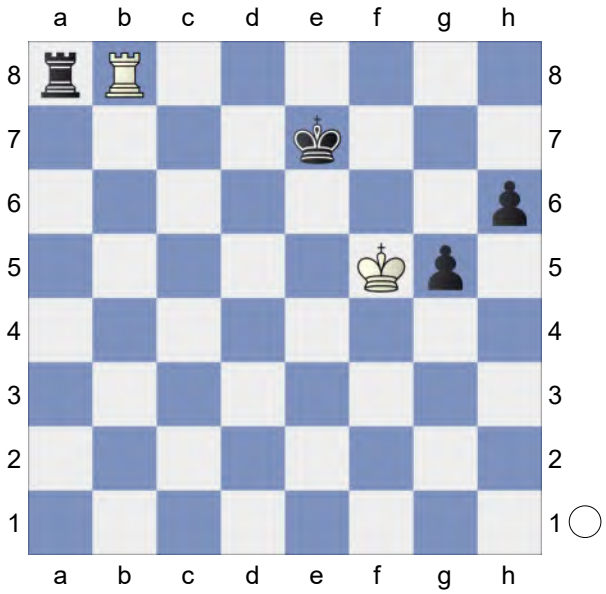
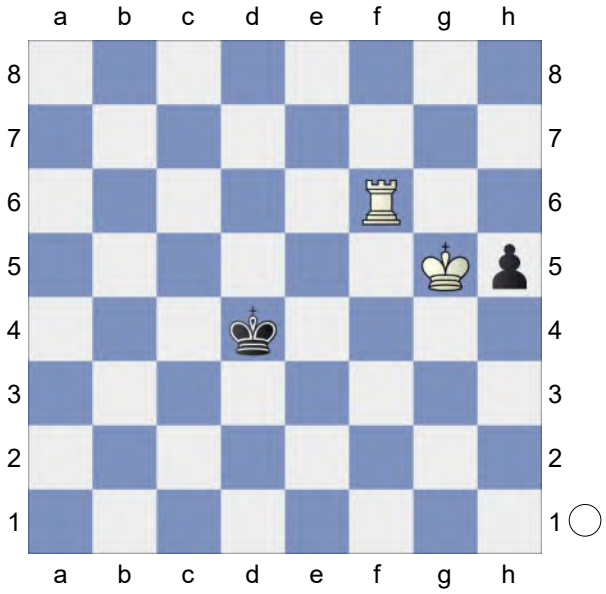


86.Rxa8 Kd6 White mates. **87.Ra6+ Kc5 88.Rf6 h5 89.Kxg5 Kd4**



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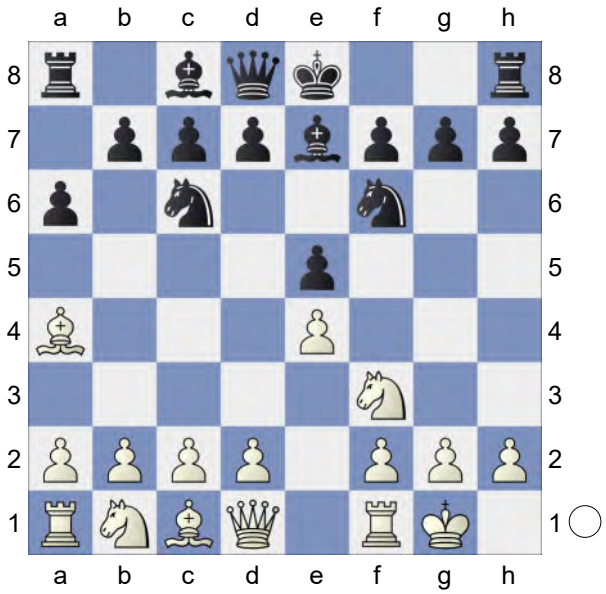
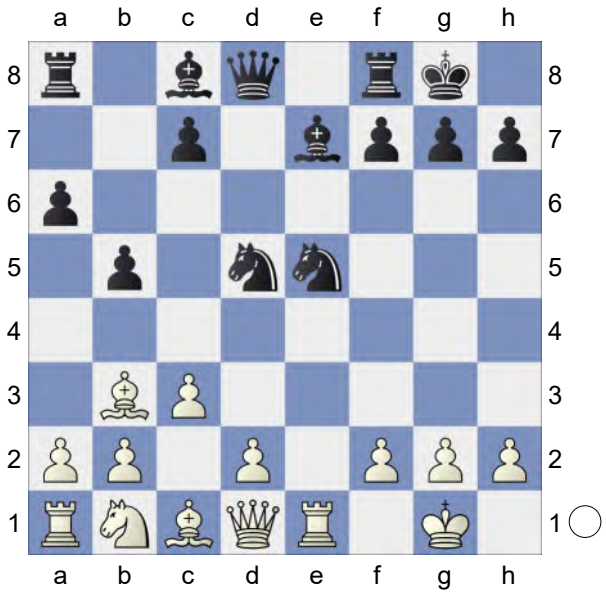
69 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2763**
■ **PatriciaBot** **2823**
Rapid 03.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

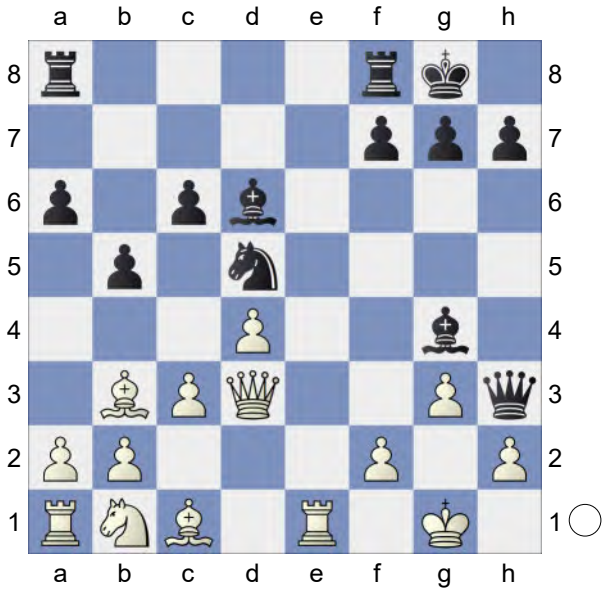
Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Neil McDonald: 'Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down. "Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down. Mikhalevski, V: 'Neil McDonald: 'Peter Leko uses a celebrated pawn sacrifice to win time to launch a huge kingside attack which culminates in the spectacular offer of a bishop to force ... a drawish endgame where he is a pawn down.'" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qd3 Bg4



16.Qf1 Qh5 17.Nd2 a5N 0.42/22
[17...Rae8!= -0.01/21 might be stronger. 18.f3 *(18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.f3 Bf5 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.Bd2 Qg6 22.Re1 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Bc2 f5 25.fxe4 fxe4 26.Qg2 Nf6 27.Qh3 Ng4 28.Bb3+ Kf8 29.Bd1 e3 30.Bc1 h5 31.Bxg4 hxg4 32.Qf1+ Ke8* Svidler,P (2735)-Leko,P (2751) Mexico City 2007 CBM 120 [Marin,

Mihail] ½-½ (43)) 18...Rxe1 (*18...Bh3 19.Qf2 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Bf4 21.Bxd5 Bxd2 22.Bxd2 Qxd5 23.Qe4 Qd7 24.Re1 Be6 25.a3 Re8 26.g4 f6 27.h3 Bf7 28.Qf4 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 h6 30.Qe4 Bd5 31.Qe3 Qe6 32.Kf2 Qxe3+ 33.Kxe3* Hou,Y (2603)-Leko,P (2735) Wijk aan Zee NED 2013 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (37)) 19.Qxe1 Bxf3]

[17...f5

A) 18.c4 f4 19.cxd5 c5 20.Re4 c4 21.Bc2 fxg3 22.hxg3 Bxg3 23.fxg3 Rxf1+ 24.Nxf1 Qh3 25.Re3 Rf8 26.Bd2 Bf3 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.Be4 Rxg3+ 29.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kf1 (*30.Bg2 Qd3 31.Be1 Qxd4+ 32.Bf2 Qxb2* Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2 #5 (32)) 30...Qh3+ 31.Ke2 Qh2+ 32.Ke3 Qh6+ Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2 #4 (33);

B) 18.f3 Bh3 19.Qf2 Kh8 20.Bc2 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Nf1 f4 23.Bd2 g5 24.g4 Qf7 25.Re1 h5 Marshall 15. Qe2. Qd3,Q-15. Qe2 #7]

18.a4!± Threatening Ne4. **18...Nf4**

19.gxf4 Bxf4 0.83/24

[19...bxa4± 0.45/25 is superior. 20.Bxa4 Bxf4]

20.h4± Qg2 is the strong threat.

[20.Qg2 Bh3 21.Bd1 (*21.Qxc6? Bxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Bd7+ 23.Kg1 Bxc6-+*) 21...Qh6∓]

20...bxa4

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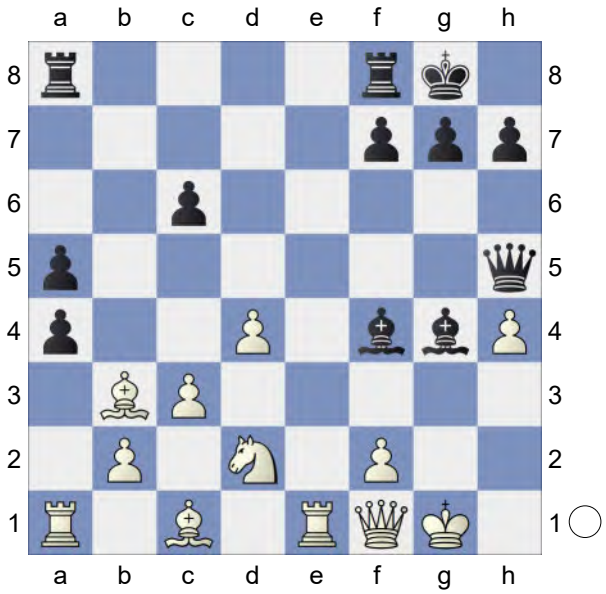
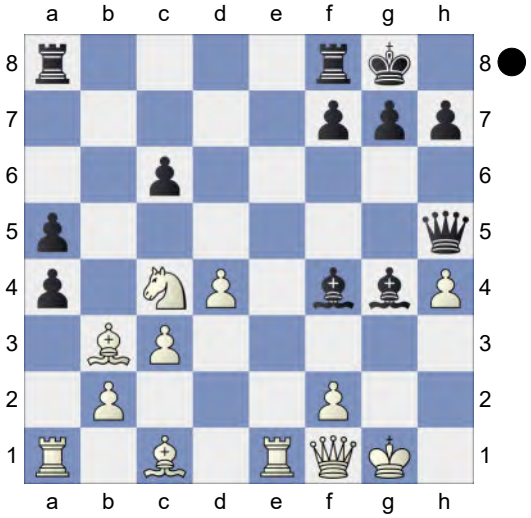


21.Bxa4 And now Re4 would win.

[21.Nc4?



Bh2+! 22.Kxh2 Qxh4+ 23.Kg1 Bf3-+]

21...Qxh4 22.Qg2 Against Qh2+. Threatens to win with Re4. **22...Rae8**

23.Rxe8

[Don't blunder 23.Re4? Bh3 24.Rxe8 (*24.Rxf4? Re1+ 25.Nf1 Qh5-+*) 24...Bxg2 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Kxg2 Qg5+ 27.Kf1 Bxd2 28.Bxd2 Qxd2 29.Bxc6 Qxb2 30.Rxa5 Qxc3 31.Ra8+ Ke7-+]

23...Rxe8 24.Nf1! Bh3 25.Qxc6

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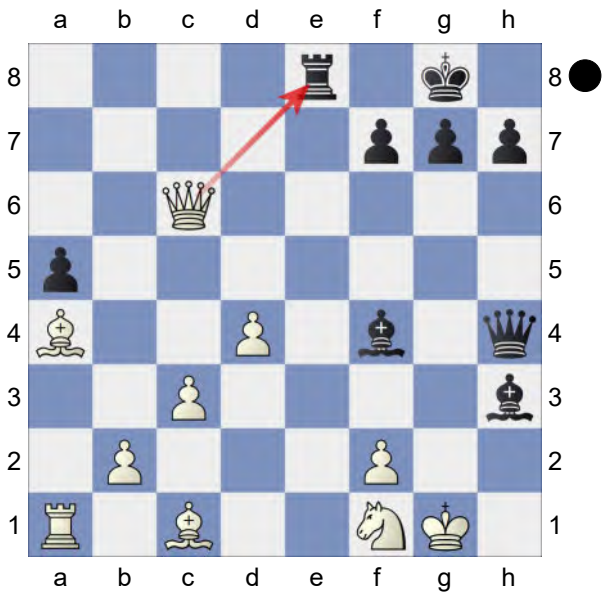
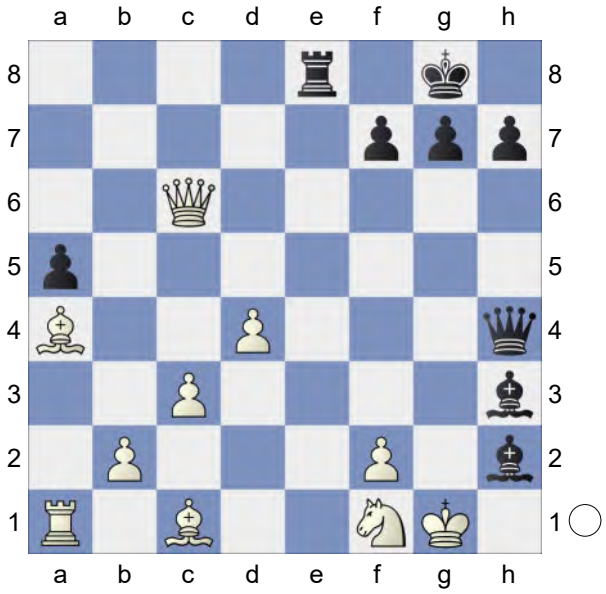


Bh2+!



26.Kh1 Rc8 27.Qd5
[27.Nxh2? Rxc6 28.Bxc6 Qxf2-+]
27...Bxf1 28.Bg5J White is not keeping still **28...Qh5 29.Bd1 Qh3** (-> ...Bg3+)
30.Qf3 Hoping for Qxh3.
[Wrong is 30.Bg4? Qxg4 31.Kxh2 Qh5+ 32.Kg1 Be2-+]
30...Bg3+!

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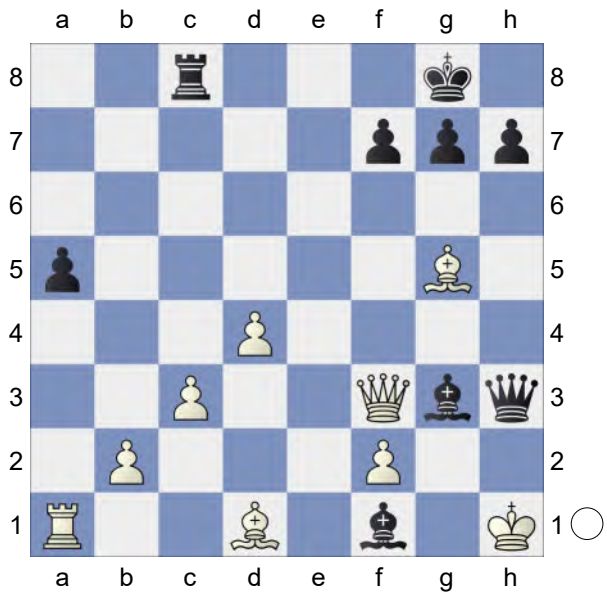
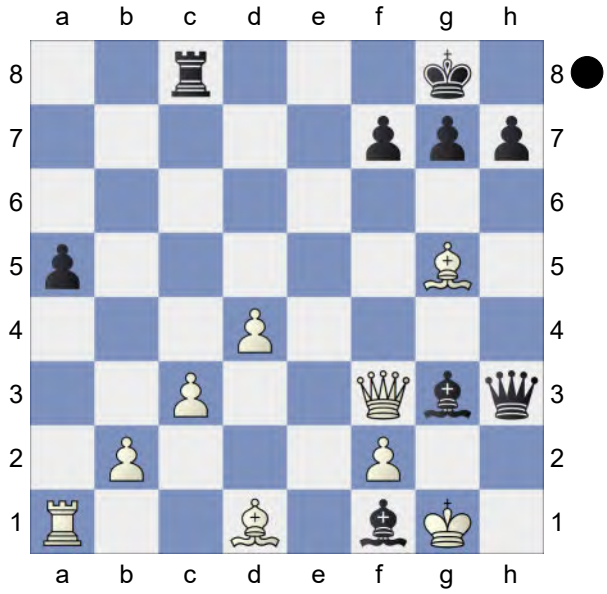


31.Kg1



The position is equal. **31...Rxc3!**
32.bxc3 Dancing on a razor blade.
32...Bh2+ 33.Kh1 Bg3+! 34.Kg1 White threatens Qa8+ and mate.
34...Bh2+ 35.Kh1 Bg3+!

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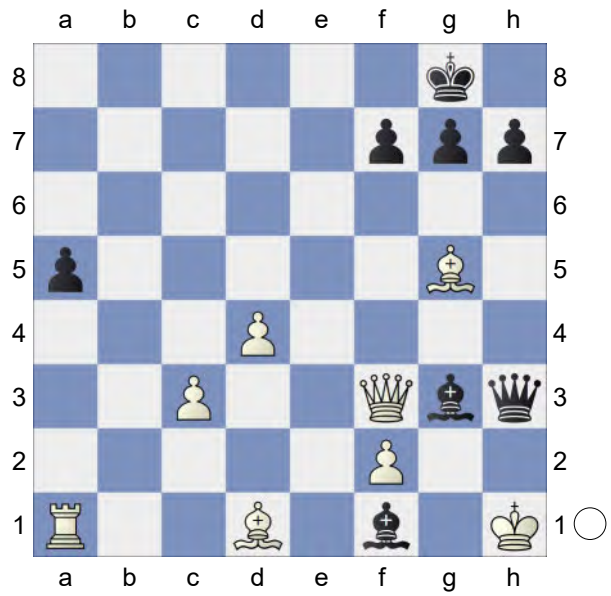
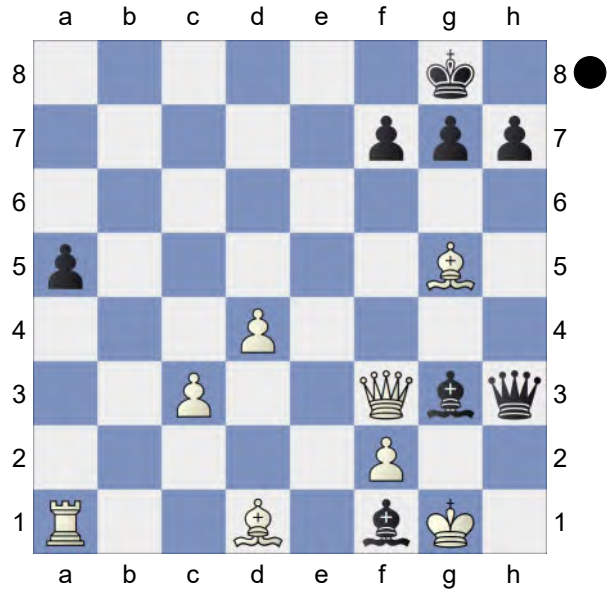


36.Kg1



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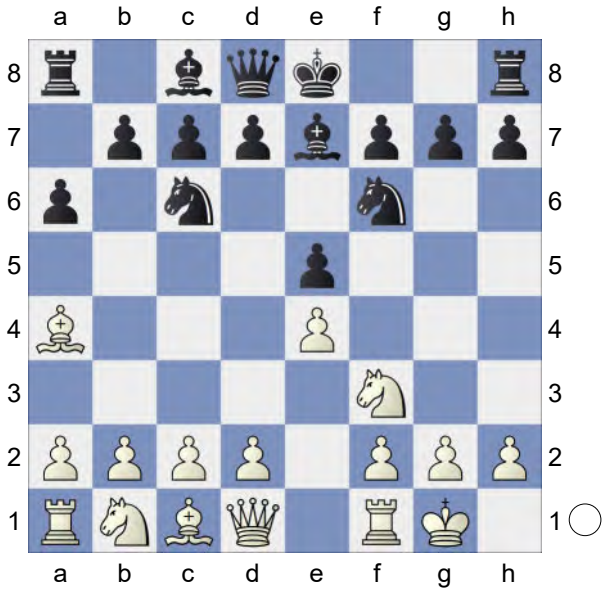
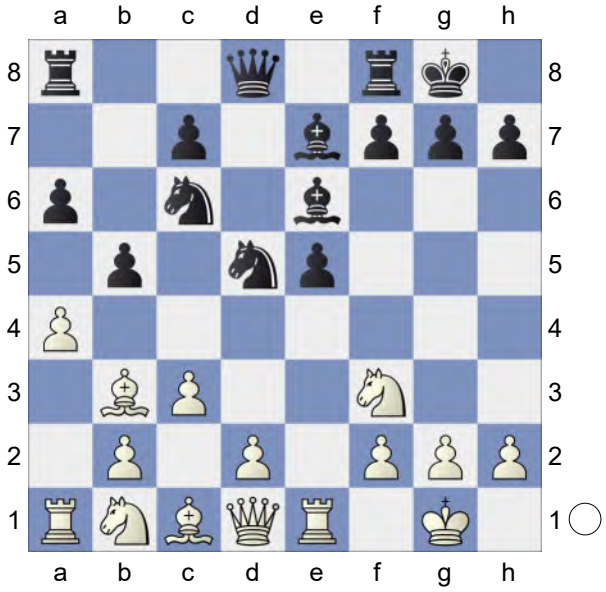
70 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2770**
■ **ProjectHuman** **3010**
Rapid 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 '' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Threatens to win with axb5. **10...Be6N**
[10...Bb7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d3 *(13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 Na5 16.Ba2 Nc4 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.d3 Nb6 19.Bb2 Na4 20.Ba1 h6 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ Bd5 24.Qxb5 Nc5 25.c4 Nxd3 26.c5 Nxc5 27.Bxe5 Qb6* Adamczyk,W-De Jongh,H email 1998 UltraCorr3a [H. de Jongh] ½-½ *)* 13...Bf6 14.Nbd2 *(14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Bd2 bxc3 17.bxc3 e4 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.dxe4 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Bxc3 22.Kf1 Nb4 23.Ncd2 Kf8 24.Ke2 c5 25.Ke3 Ke7 26.Bb3 Bc6 27.Bc4 Nc2+ 28.Kd3 Bxd2* Sodomski,A (2184)-Taylor,T (2313) ICCF Email thematic 2003 UltraCorr3a [Taylor] 0-1 (58) *)* 14...Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Qb1 *(19...Nd4 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 28.h6 Ne2+ 29.Kh2 Nef4 30.g3 Bd5 31.Qe7 Ne6 32.hxg7 Nxg7 33.Qd7 Bc4 34.Bh6* Piket,J (2615)-Blatny,P (2480) Debrecen 1992 EU-chT [Blatny, Pavel] ½-½ (43) *)* 20.h4 Nxg2 21.Kh2 Nxh4 22.Nxe5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8 The Marshall Declined-D: 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 a4 Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]]



11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bf6 White has an edge. **13.Re1 Re8** next ...Nxc3! is good for Black. **14.g3 b4!** Black has compensation. **15.d4 Qd7**

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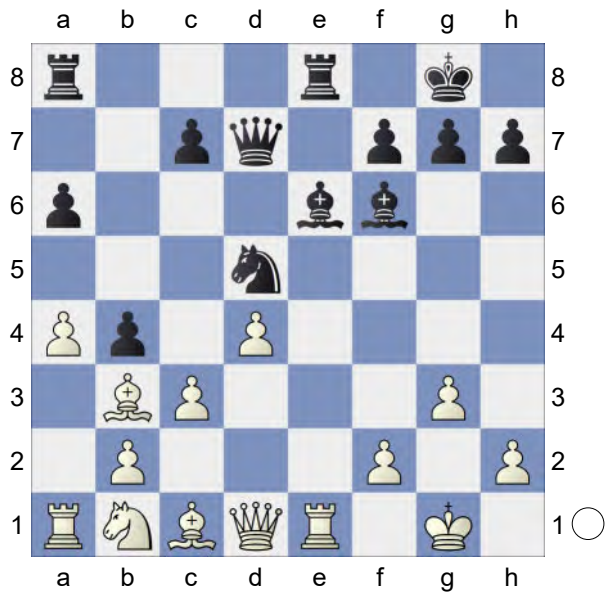
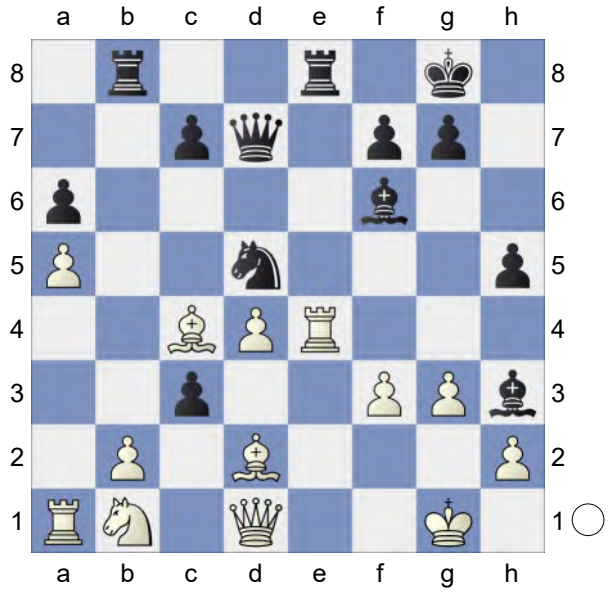


16.Bd2 -0.69/20
[16.Be3 -0.37/19 was preferrable.]
16...Bg4∓ 17.f3 Bh3 18.a5 h5 0x0.001ff98a1ee7dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed. **19.Re4 Rab8! 20.Bc4** -1.52/19
[White should try 20.Ba4∓ -0.64/18 c6 21.Qe2]
20...bxc3!∓



21.bxc3 c5! 22.Rxe8+ -2.04/21
[22.Bxa6? Rxe4 23.fxe4 cxd4!-+]
[22.Qe2∓ -1.41/20 was worth a try. Red8 23.Bxd5 *(23.dxc5? Rb2∓; 23.Bxa6? cxd4 24.Na3 dxc3-+)* 23...Qxd5 24.Bf4 *(24.Qxa6? cxd4 25.Qd3 dxc3-+)*]
22...Rxe8-+ 23.Qa4? -3.72/22
[23.dxc5? Nxc3 24.Nxc3 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 Qf2-+]
[23.Bxa6? cxd4 24.Qa4 Qxa4 25.Rxa4 dxc3 26.Nxc3 Nxc3-+]
[23.Kh1 -1.69/21]
23...Qe6 24.dxc5
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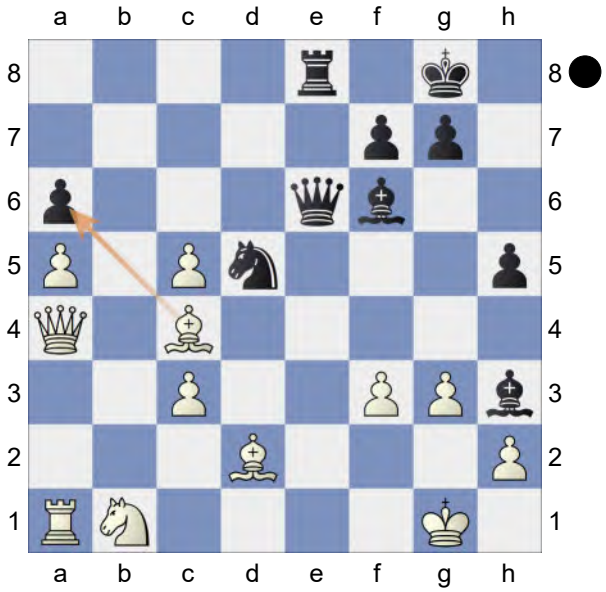

24...Qe7! 25.Qc6
[25.Bxd5 gets mated. Qxc5+ 26.Kh1 Re2]

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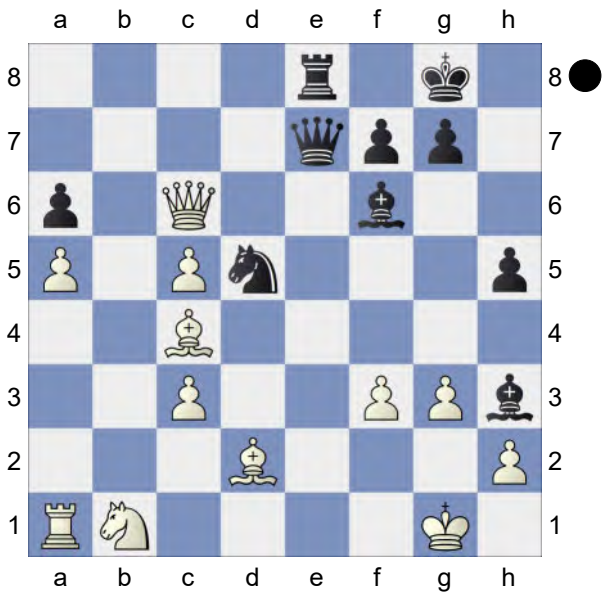
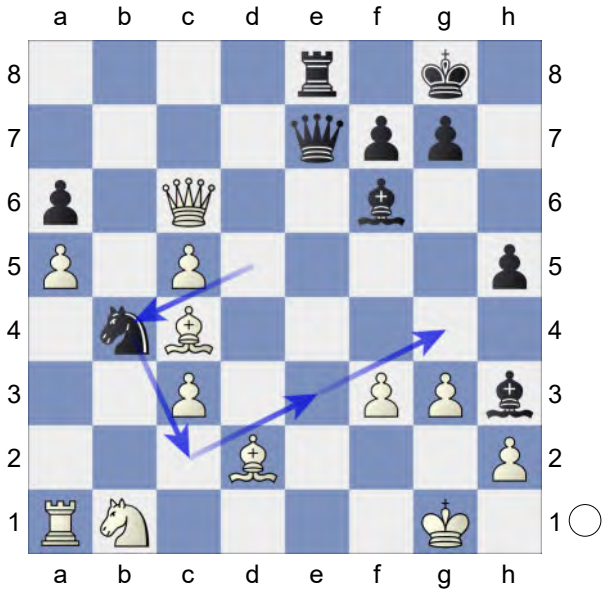


25...Nb4



Pin **26.Qd6** aiming for Qxe7. **26...Qb7 27.Kf2 Nc2** ...Be7 is the strong threat. **28.Qb6 Qd7 29.c6 Qf5**

[Not 29...Qe7 30.Ra4 *(30.Ra2? Be6∓)* 30...Be5 31.Bd3-+ *(31.Kg1? Rb8-+)*]

30.c7 Be7

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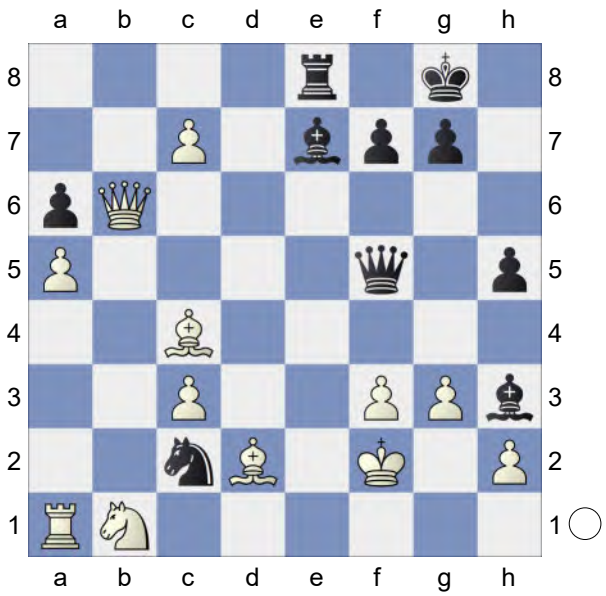
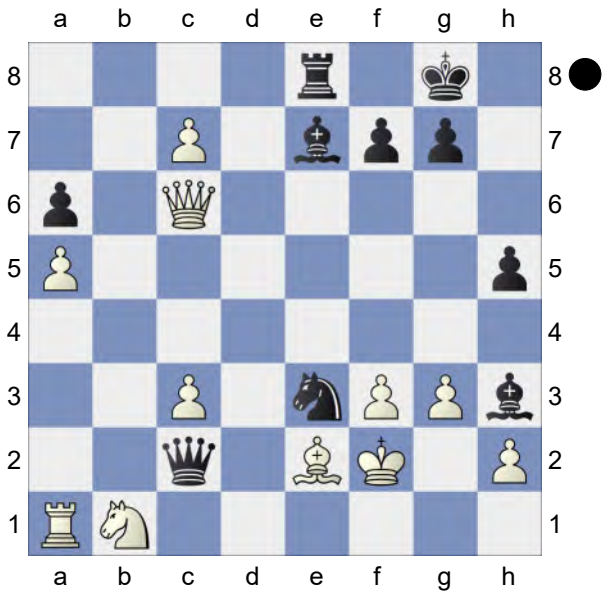


31.Be3 Prevents Bc5. **31...Nxe3 32.Qc6 Qc2+ 33.Be2**



Ng4+! 34.Ke1 Qc1+ 35.Bd1 Qe3+

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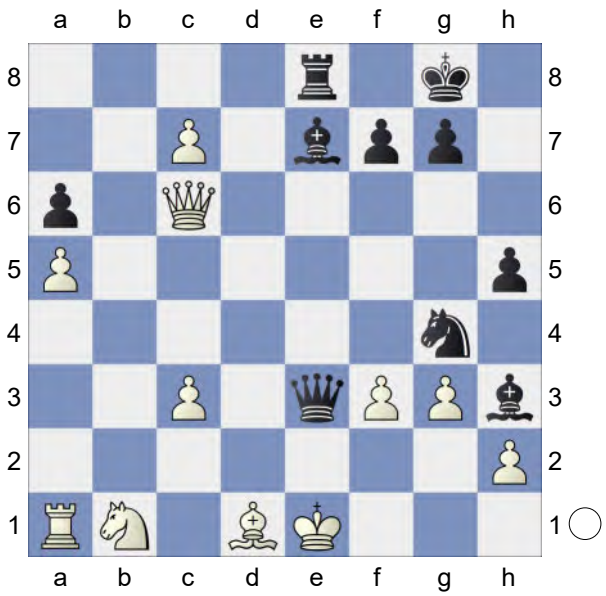
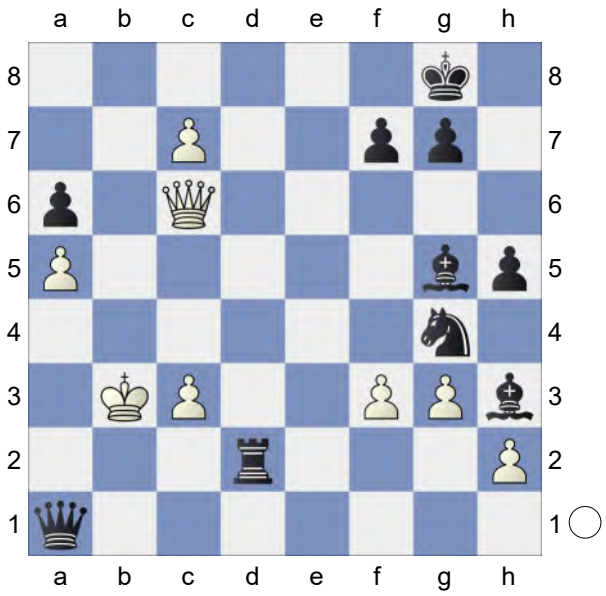


36.Be2 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Bg5+ 38.Kc2 Rxe2+ 39.Nd2 Rxd2+ 40.Kb3 Qxa1



41.c8Q+ Rd8 (-> ...Qb1+) **42.Qxd8+ Bxd8** This bishop pair is nice. **43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Qxf7 Nh6 45.Qe8 Bf6**

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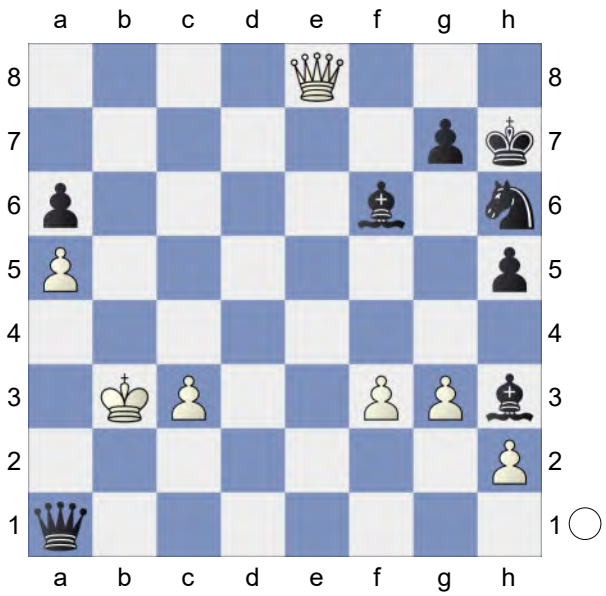
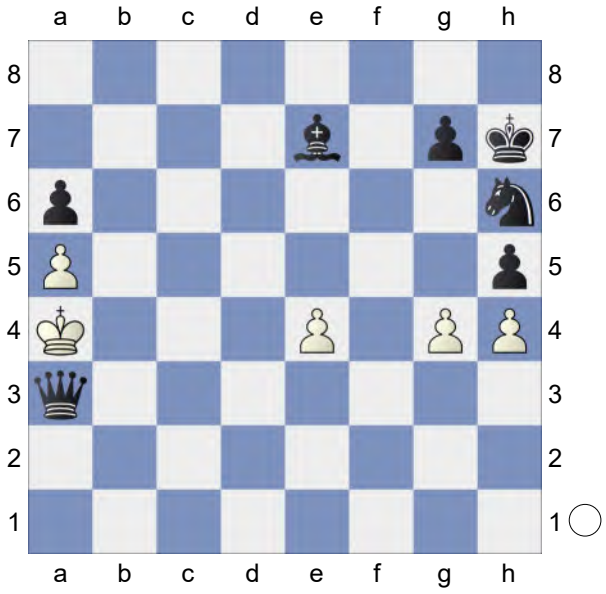


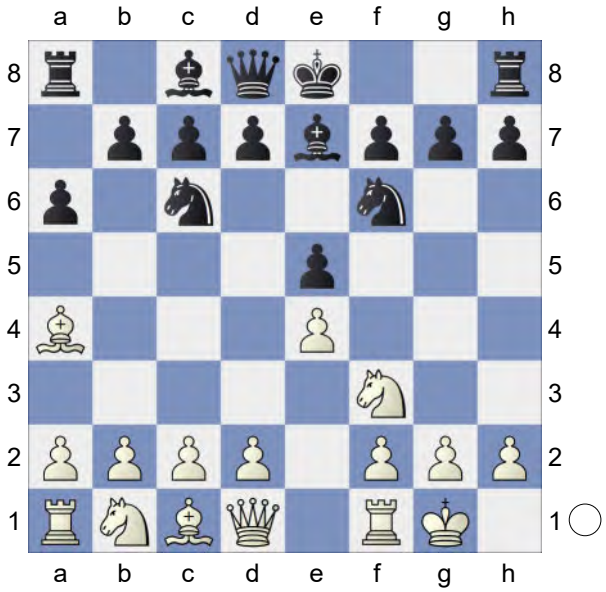
46.Qe4+ Bf5 Black mates. **47.h4 Bxe4 48.fxe4 Qxc3+ 49.Ka4 Be7 50.g4 Qa3#**



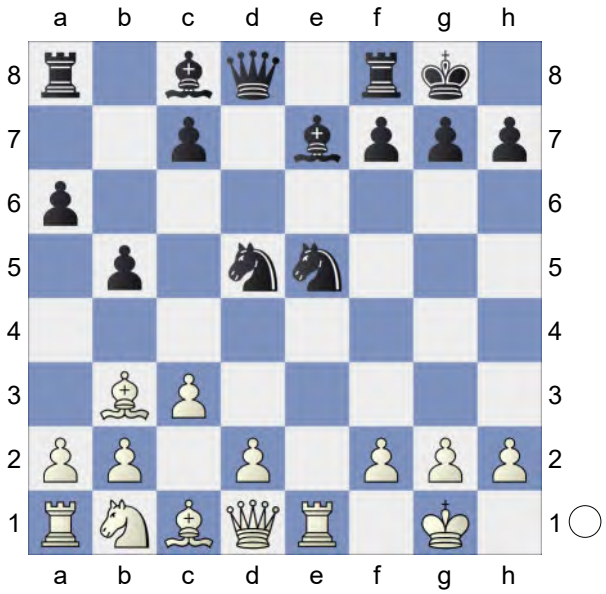
White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

71 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2764**
■ **ArasanX** **3051**
Rapid 05.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

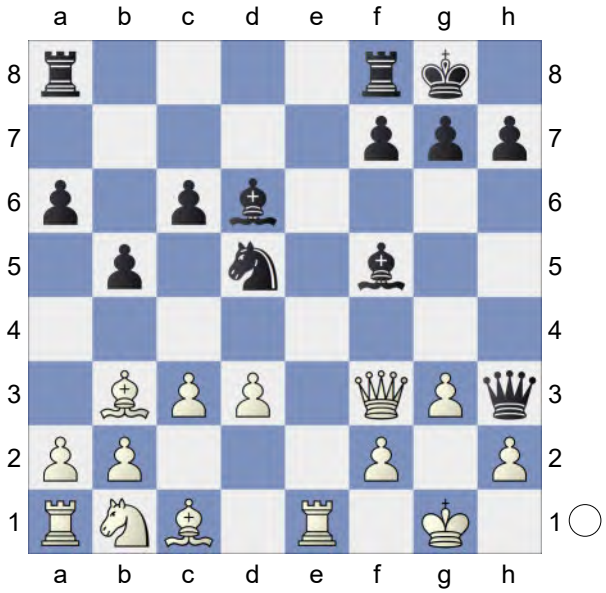
Blitz 5min+5sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 The position is equal.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
[16...Bg4!? 17.Qh1 Qh5±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Bf4N -0.98/19
[19.Qxd5= 0.30/20 Rfd8 20.Qg2 b4 *(20...Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3* ½-½ (25) Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburg (m/1) 142/(126) 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Foisor,Sabina Francesca]*)* 21.Nc4 *(21.Bb6 Qxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Rd7* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline -- Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. ex,1 *23.c4 Bxg3 24.Kxg3 Rxd2 25.b3 f6* 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A *)* 21...bxc3 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.bxc3 Bc7 24.Bd4 Be6 25.Ne3 f6 26.a4 Ba5 Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A-15. g3,1]

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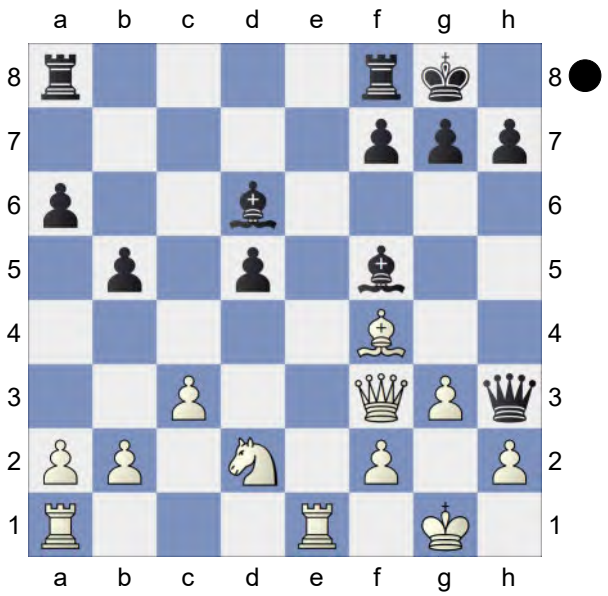
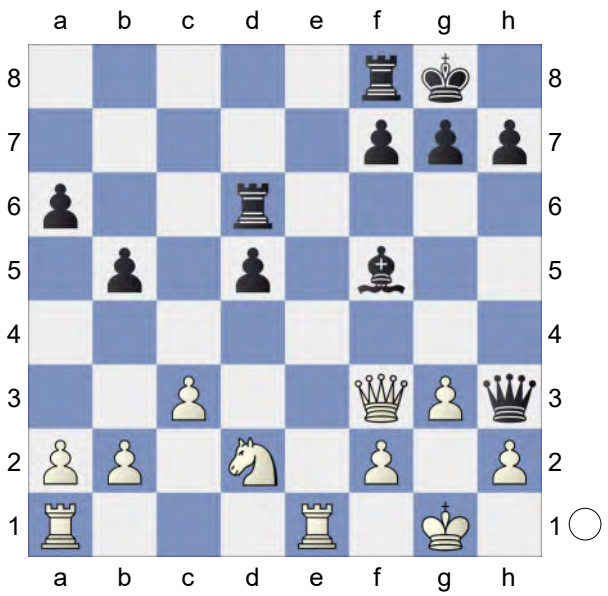
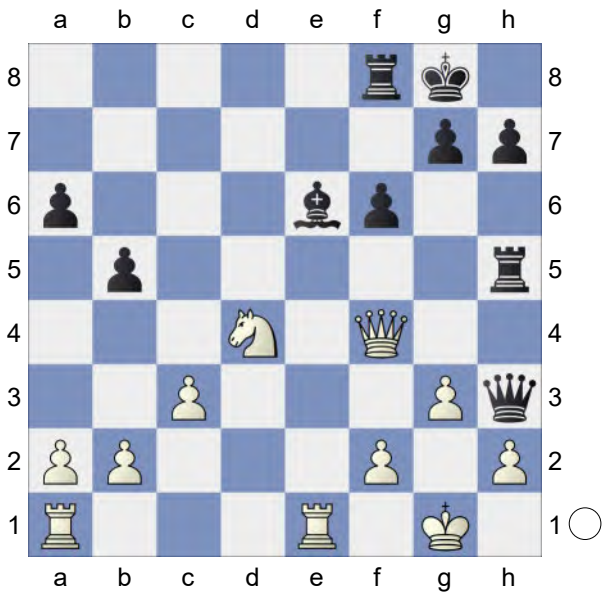


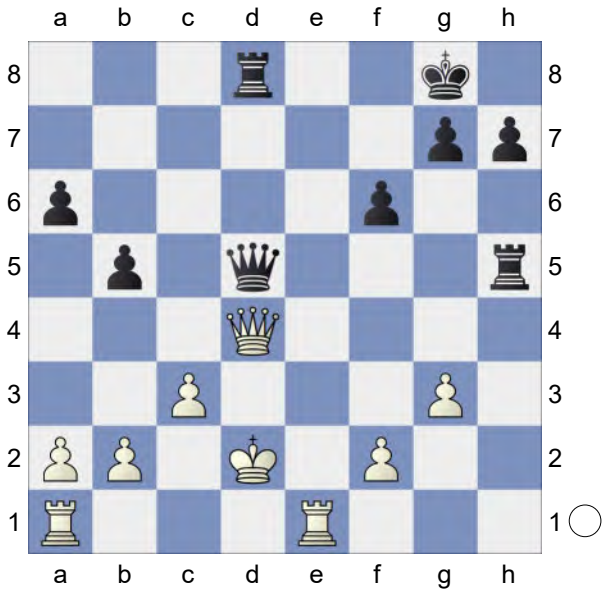
19...Rad8 0.03/20 &Nero is more active.
[Black should play 19...Rfd8!∓ -0.98/19]
20.Bxd6= Rxd6



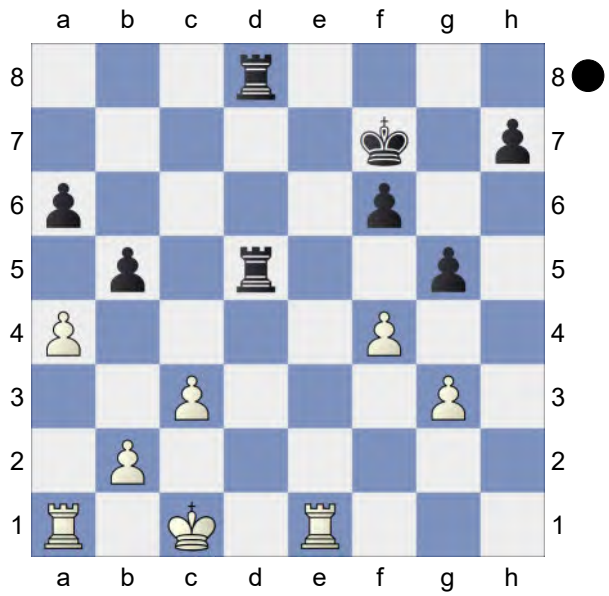
21.Re5J White is not keeping still
21...Be6 22.Nb3 f6 23.Ree1 d4!
White must now prevent ...Bd5. **24.Qf4!**
[24.Nxd4? Bd5 25.Re4 f5-+]
24...Rd5 aiming for ...Rh5.
[Don't do 24...Bd5 25.f3 Rdd8 26.Nxd4±]
25.Nxd4 Rh5!
(Diagram)



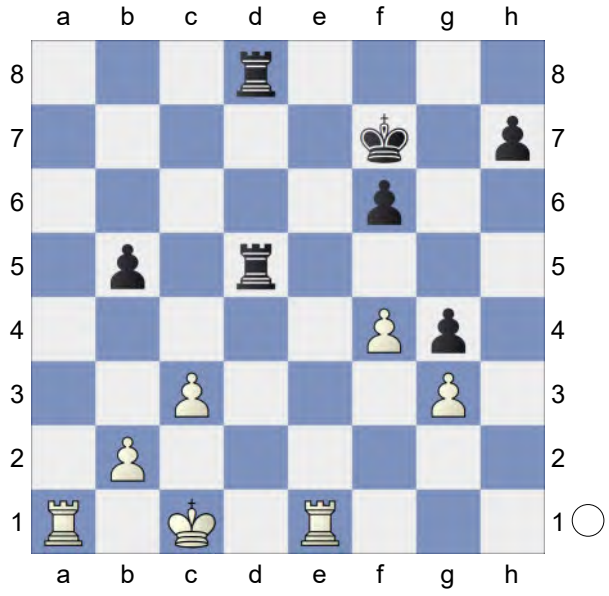
26.Nxe6 -1.67/20
[Not 26.Rxe6? Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Qxa1-+]
[26.Nf3!∓ -0.52/25]
26...Qxh2+-+ 27.Kf1 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Qxe6+ 29.Kd2 Qd5+ -1.42/21
[⌓29...Re5 -0.85/22 30.Re3 a5]
30.Qd4∓ Rd8



31.Qxd5+ Rhxd5+∓ Endgame KRR-KRR **32.Kc1 g5 33.a4 Kf7 34.f4** -1.04/20
[34.Rf1∓ -0.63/22]

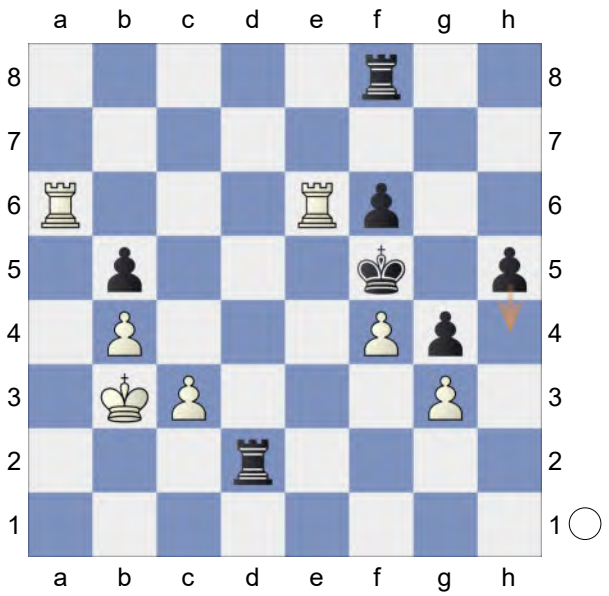


34...g4!∓ 35.axb5 axb5

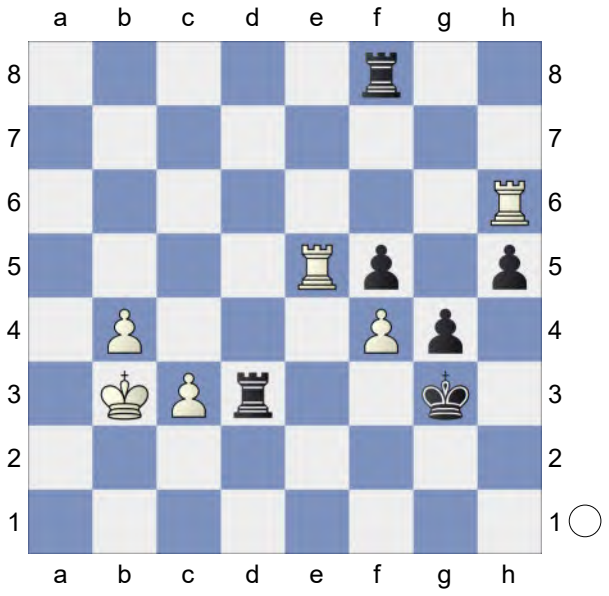


36.Ra6 h5 37.Kc2 Kg6 38.Ree6 -1.56/21
[⌓38.Re2 -1.12/21]
38...Kf5 39.b4 -1.90/23
[39.Kb1∓ -0.98/21 was called for.]
39...Rd2+-+ 40.Kb3 Rf8

(Diagram)



And now ...h4! would win. **41.Re7** -2.30/22
[41.Reb6∓ -1.50/22]
41...Rd3 42.Rb7 Ke4 43.Rxb5 f5
[And not 43...Rxg3 44.Re6+ Kxf4 45.Rxh5-+]
44.Re5+ Kf3 45.Rh6 Kxg3



Strongly threatening ...h4. **46.Rxh5 Kxf4 47.Re1** -3.86/21
[⌓47.Re7 -2.47/22]
47...g3 48.b5 g2 49.Rg1 Rg3 50.Rh2 Kf3

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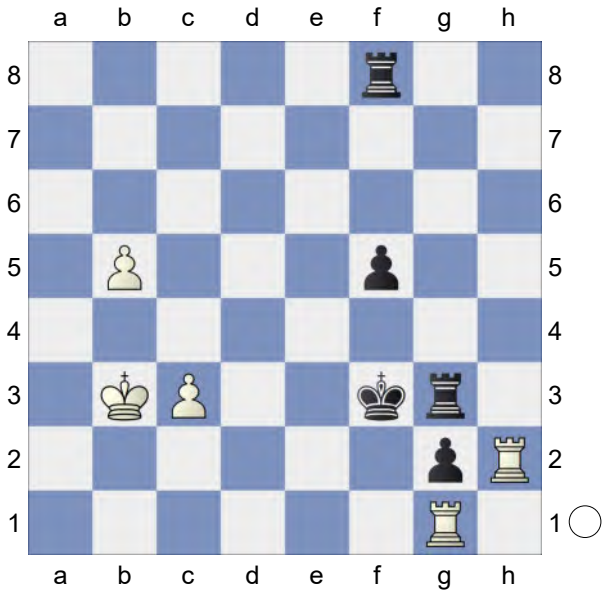
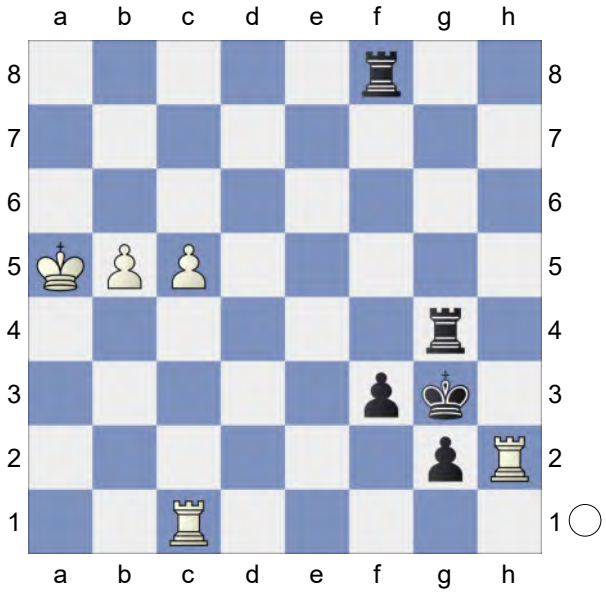


51.Kb4 f4 52.c4 Kf2 53.Rc1 f3 54.c5 Rg4+ 55.Ka5 Kg3



56.Rxg2+ fxg2 57.Rg1 Rf1 58.Rxg2+ Kxg2 59.Ka6 Rc4 60.Kb6 Rfc1

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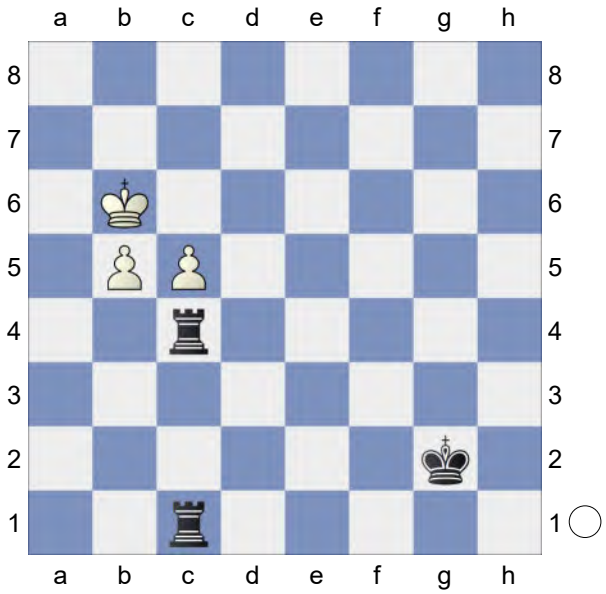
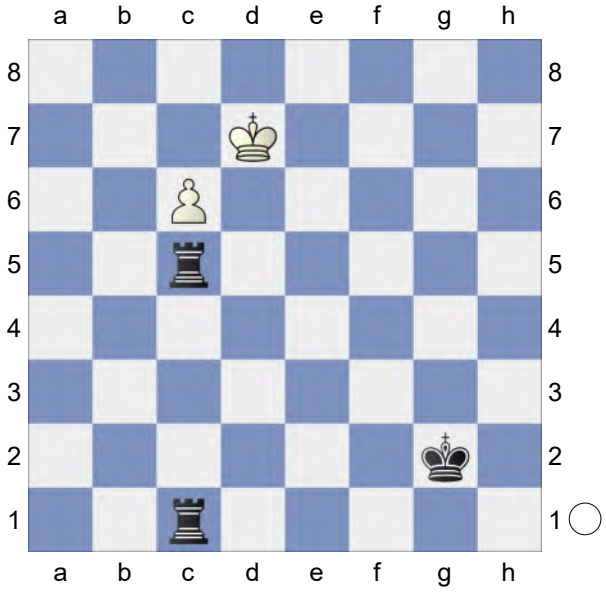


61.c6 Rc5 62.Ka6 Rb1 63.Kb6 Rbxb5+ -8.89/5

[⌓63...Rcxb5+ -#8/18 64.Kc7 Rc1 65.Kd7 Rbc5 66.Ke6 Rxc6+ 67.Kf7 Ra6 68.Ke8 Rc7 69.Kd8 Raa7 70.Ke8 Rc8#]

64.Kc7 Rc1 Black mates. **65.Kd7 Rbc5**



66.Kd6 Rxc6+ 67.Kd7 Rb6 68.Ke8 Rb7 69.Kd8 Rcc7 70.Ke8 Rc8#

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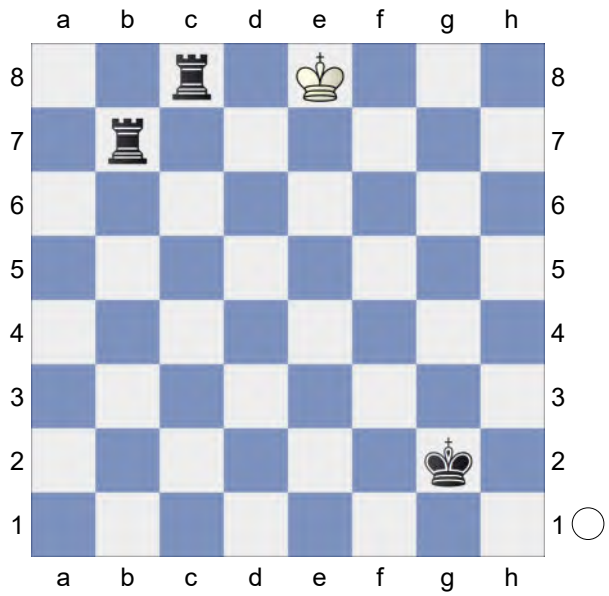

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.06 (flawless)

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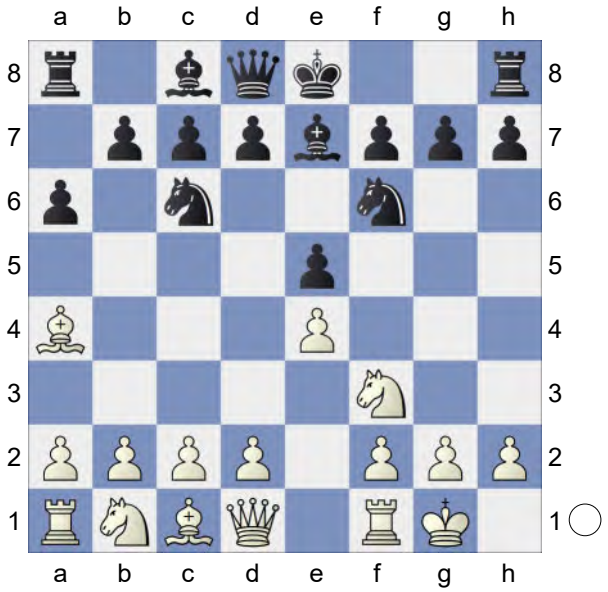
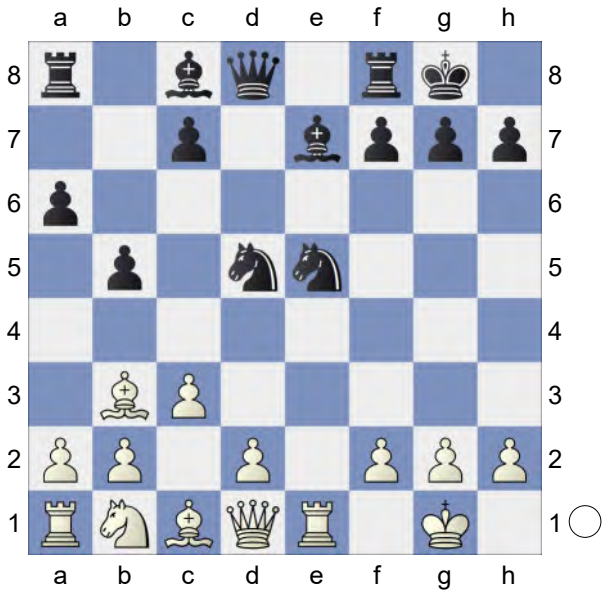
72 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2577**
■ **InanisBot** **2332**
Classical 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 25min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



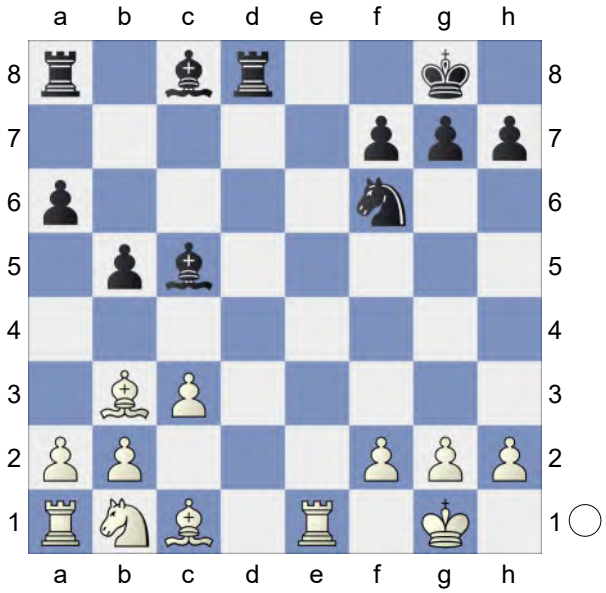
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



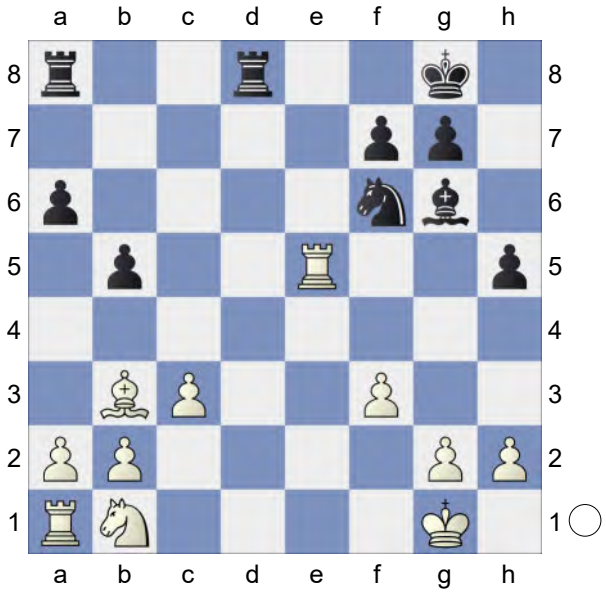
11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 c5N

[13...Ng4 14.h3 Qh4 15.Qf3 h5 *(15...Bh2+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qh6 20.Kg1 Nf6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rab8 23.b4 a5 24.b5 Nh5 25.Qe3 Nf4 26.Nd2 Rb6 27.Nf1 Re6 28.Qf3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2* Borodenko-Zhilin Rostov 1956 The Total Marshall [Harding] ½-½ (32) *; 15...Nxf2 16.Re2 Ng4 17.g3 Qxg3+ 18.Qxg3 Bxg3 19.hxg4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rae8 21.Bd1 Rxe2 22.Bxe2 Re8 23.Kf1 Re6 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.g5 f6 26.Be3 fxg5 27.Ne5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Re6 30.Bd4* Sorensen,H-Hintikka,E corr 1984 UltraCorr3a [Harding] 0-1 (36)*)* 16.Re2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rb8 18.Bxf7+ *(18.Re8 Be6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Be3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Survey 2006 *)* 18...Kh8 19.Qd5 Be5 20.Nd2 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qxf2 22.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 23.Kg1 Bxd5 24.Nxe5 Bxf7 25.Kxf2 Be6+ 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Be3 Rbe8 28.a4 Smeets,J (2515)-Perdomo,L (2312) Kochi 2004 CI1-130 [Perdomo, L] 0-1 (35)]

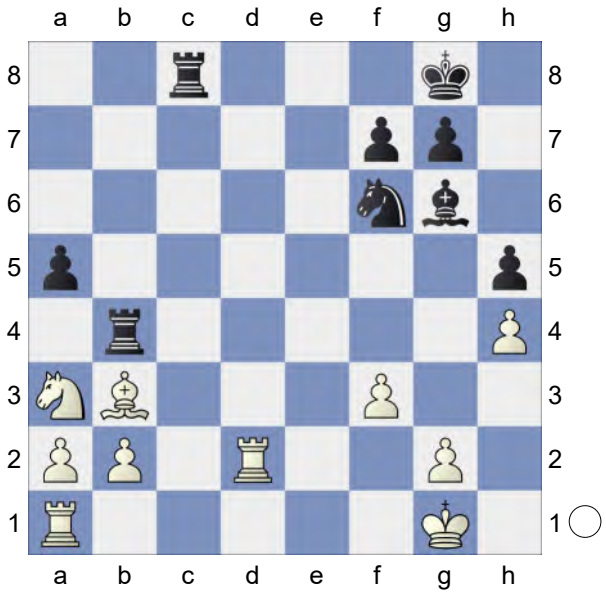
14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8



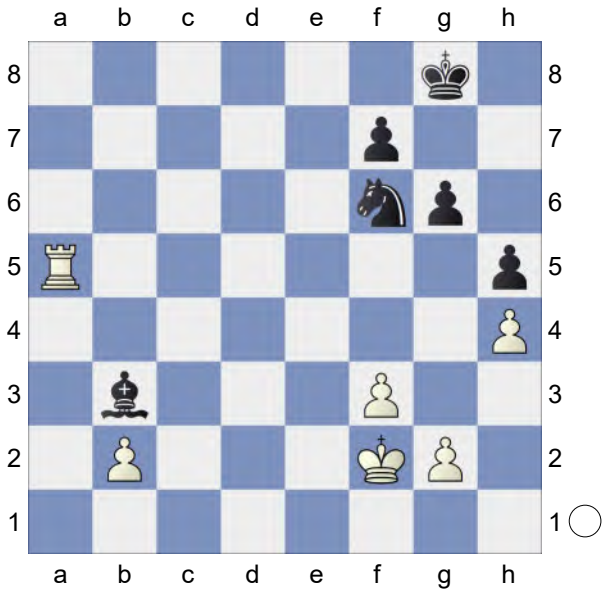
White is slightly better. **16.Be3** 0.47/23
[16.Nd2± 1.42/19]
16...Bxe3± 17.Rxe3 Bf5 18.Re2 Bd3 19.Re5 Bg6! 20.f3 h5



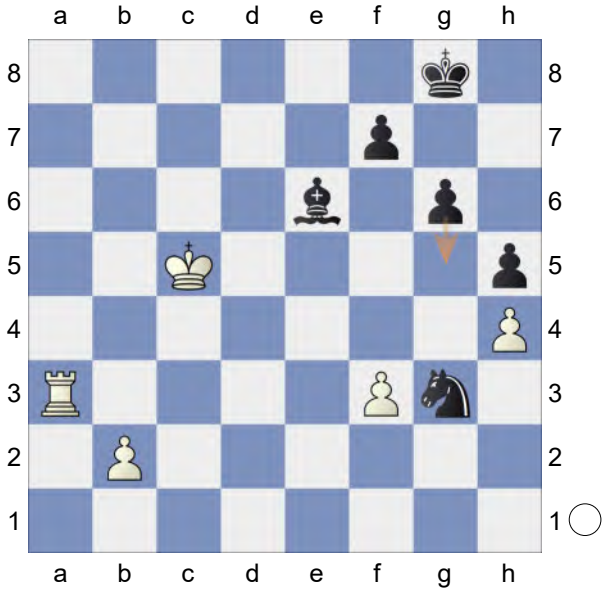
21.h4 Rab8 22.Re2! a5 23.Na3! Rdc8 0.58/24
[23...a4= 0.14/22 feels stronger. 24.Bc2 b4 25.cxb4 Rxb4]
24.Rd2 b4 25.cxb4
[25.Nb1 seems wilder. Ra8 26.Rd4 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Kf2]
25...Rxb4



26.Nc2
[26.g3 is more complex. Rcb8 27.Bd1 Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Rxb2 29.Bb3]
26...Rxb3 27.axb3 Black must now prevent Ne3. **27...Rxc2**
[27...Bxc2? 28.Rc1+-]
28.Rxc2 Bxc2 29.Rxa5 Bxb3 30.Kf2 g6

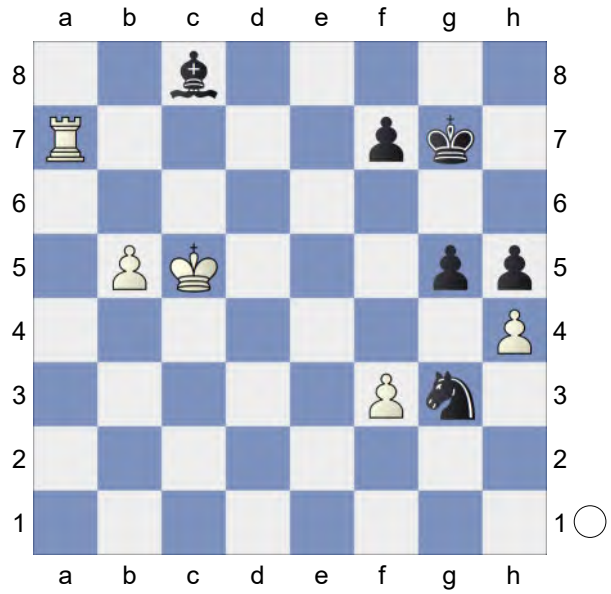


31.Ke3 Nd5+ 32.Kd4 Nf4 33.Ra3! Be6 34.g3 Ne2+ 35.Kc5 Nxg3

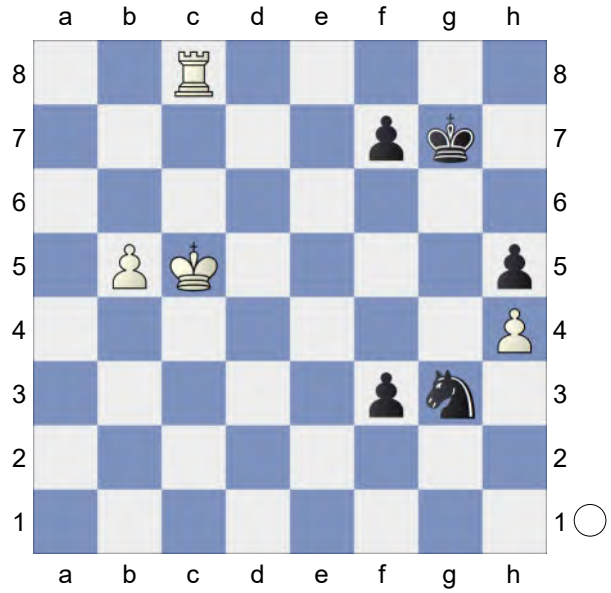


36.b4 Kg7 37.b5 Bc8? 6.69/24
A mistake that costs the game.
[37...Nf5± 1.15/29 38.Ra8 Ne3]

38.Ra7+- g5



39.Rc7! g4 40.Rxc8 gxf3



Endgame KR-KN **41.Ra8**
[Not 41.b6 f2 42.b7 f1Q=]
41...Ne4+ 42.Kb4 f2 43.Ra1 Kf6
44.b6 White wants to mate with b7.
44...Nd6 45.Rf1 Ke5

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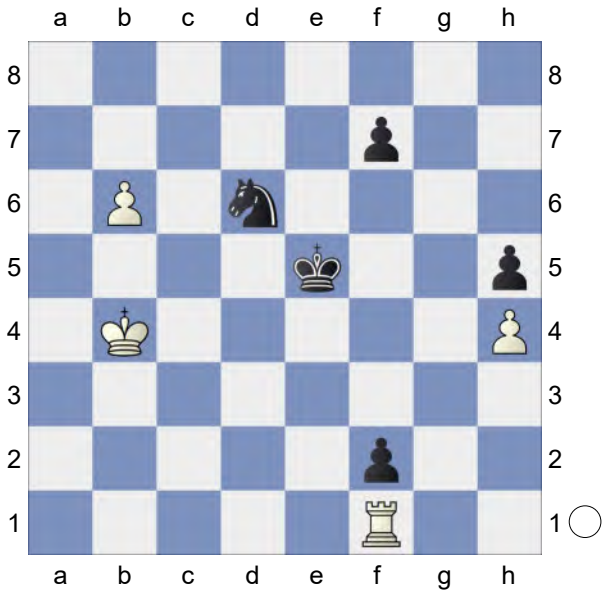
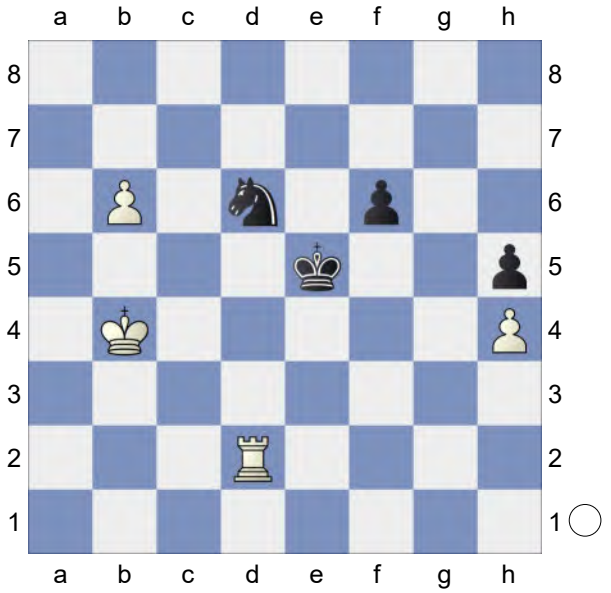
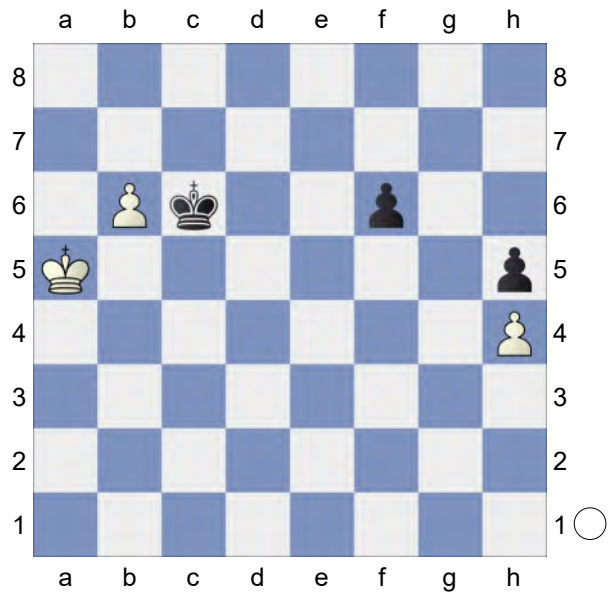


46.Rxf2 Rd2 would kill now. **46...f6**
47.Re2+ Kd5 48.Rd2+ Ke5

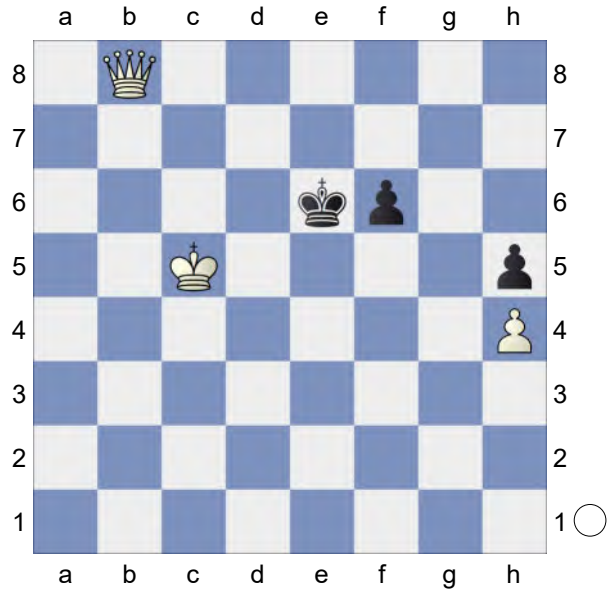


49.Rxd6! Kxd6 KPP-KPP **50.Ka5 Kc6**

(Diagram)



51.Ka6 Kd5 52.b7 Ke6 53.b8Q Kf7 54.Kb5 Ke7 55.Kc5 Ke6



56.Qd6+ Kf5 57.Kb5 Kg4 58.Qxf6 Kh3 59.Qf2 11.88/5

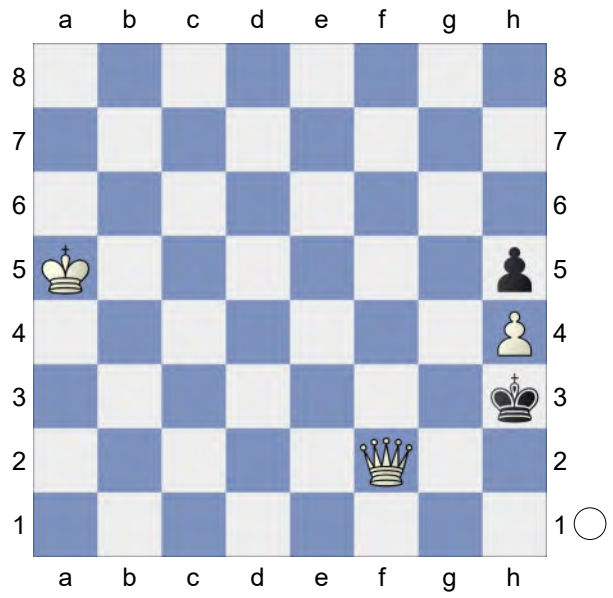
[⌓59.Qg5 #6/14 Kh2 60.Kc4 Kh3 61.Kd3 Kh2 62.Ke4 Kh1 63.Kf3 Kh2 64.Qg2#]

59...Kg4 60.Ka5 11.74/5

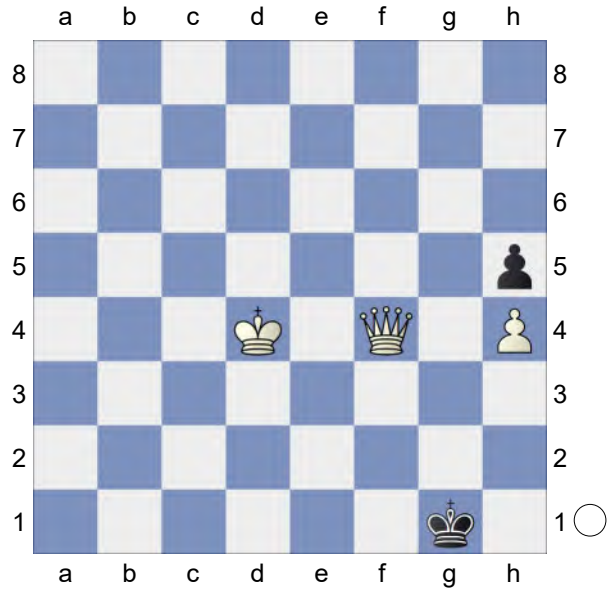
[⌓60.Kc5 #6/14 Kh3 61.Kd4 Kg4 62.Ke3 Kh3 63.Qg1 Kxh4 64.Kf2 Kh3 65.Qg3#]

60...Kh3

(Diagram)



61.Qf4 Kg2 62.Kb4 Kh1 63.Kb5 Kg1 64.Kc5 Kh1 65.Kd4 Threatening mate with Qg5. **65...Kg1**



66.Ke4 12.93/5

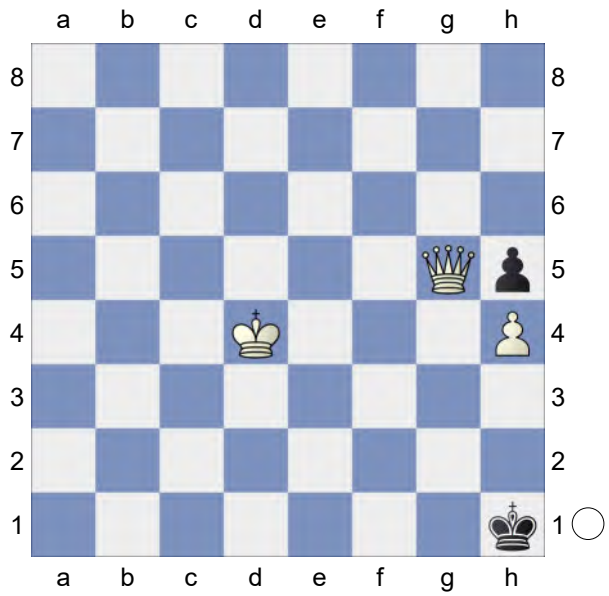
[⌓66.Ke3 #4/10 Kg2 67.Qg5+ Kh1 68.Kf2 Kh2 69.Qg2#]

66...Kg2 67.Qf3+ Kg1 68.Qg3+ 12.12/5

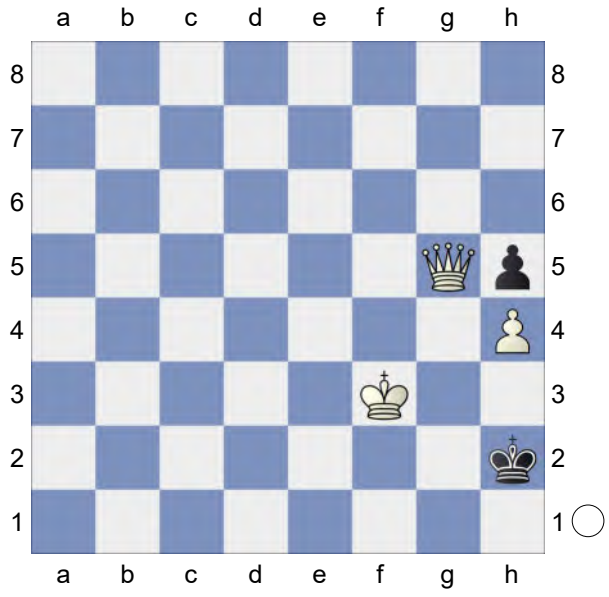
[⌓68.Qe2 #3/8 Kh1 69.Kf3 Kg1 70.Qg2#]

68...Kh1 69.Qg5 Kh2 70.Kd4 Kh1

(Diagram)



71.Kc4 12.56/5
[⌓71.Ke3 #3/8 Kh2 72.Kf3 Kh3 73.Qg3#]
71...Kh2 72.Kd3 Kh1 73.Kd4 12.51/5
[⌓73.Ke2 #3/8 Kh2 74.Kf2 Kh3 75.Qg3#]
73...Kh2 74.Ke3 White mates. **74...Kh1 75.Kf3 Kh2**



76.Qg2#

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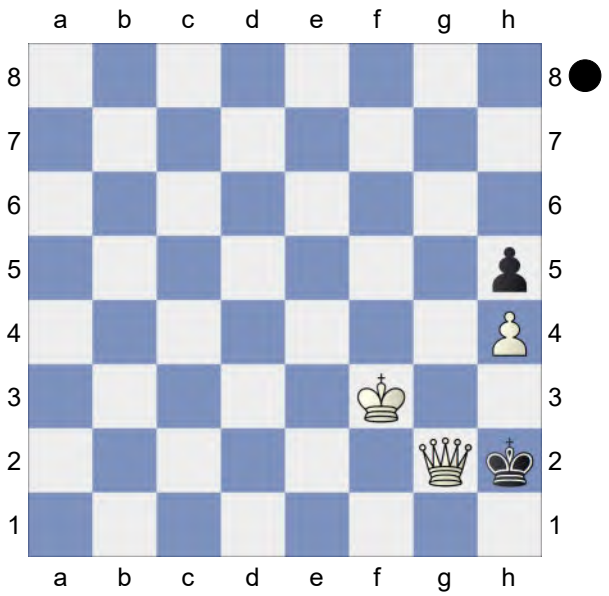

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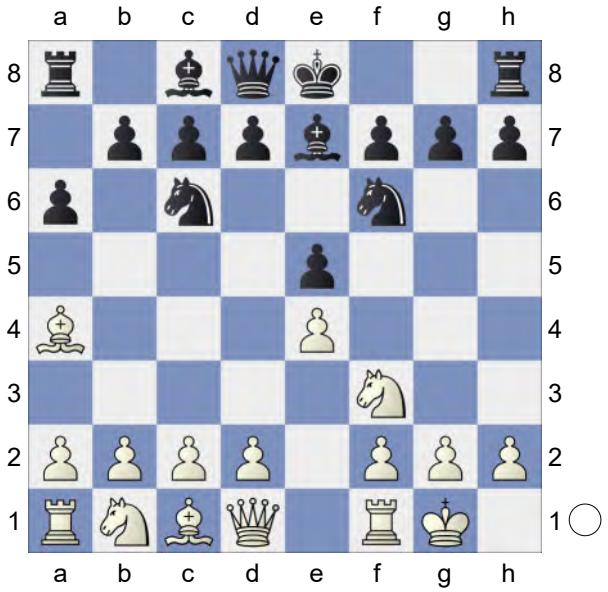
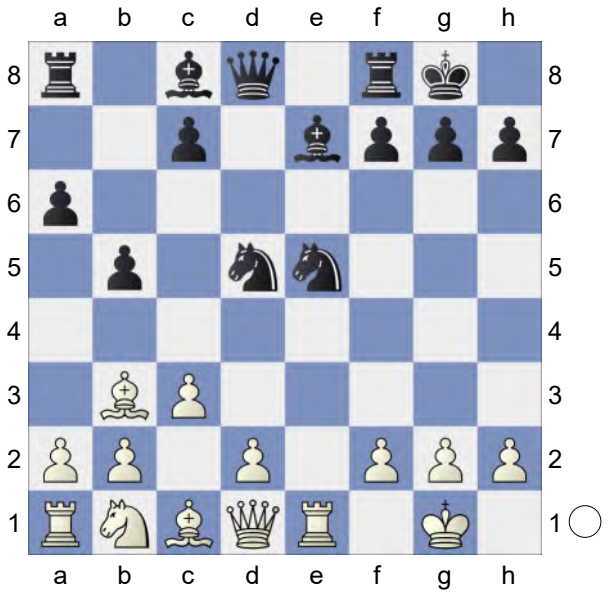
73 **C89**
□ **Weiawaga** **2605**
■ **InanisBot** **2430**
Blitz 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+1sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Ubilava,E: 'Inf 75/(317)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.h3

-0.29/21
[⌓13.d3 0.27/18 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 18.a4 Rb8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.fxg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 25.Be3 Rf1+ 26.Qxf1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Anand,V (2781)-Adams,M (2716) Dos Hermanas 1999 CI1-130 [Ubilava, Elizbar] ½-½]
13...Bc7N
[13...Qf6 14.d4 Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.g3 Qh6 17.h4 Bd7 18.Qf3 Rae8 19.Na3 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Bxa3 21.bxa3 Qd6 22.a4 b4 23.c4 c5 24.d5 f5 25.Qf4 Qxf4 26.gxf4 Kf7 27.Bc2 Kf6 28.Kg2 Belina,J (1546)-Tamayo,J (1805) Florianopolis 2023 ½-½ (34) Re8 29.Rxe8 Bxe8 30.a5 h5 31.Bd1 g6 32.Bf3 Ke7 33.Kf1 Kd6 34.Ke2 ½-½ (34) Caveman3,A (1546)-Zachary,J (1805) corr ICCF 2023 Kramnik: MBM [John Watson]]
[13...Qh4 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Qf3 Be6 16.d4 Rae8 17.Nd2 Bg4 0-1 (17) Caveman3,A (1546)-Guliev,S (2013) Khanty Mansiysk 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson]]
14.d4 Black has an edge. **14...Qd6!**
15.Re5 f6!

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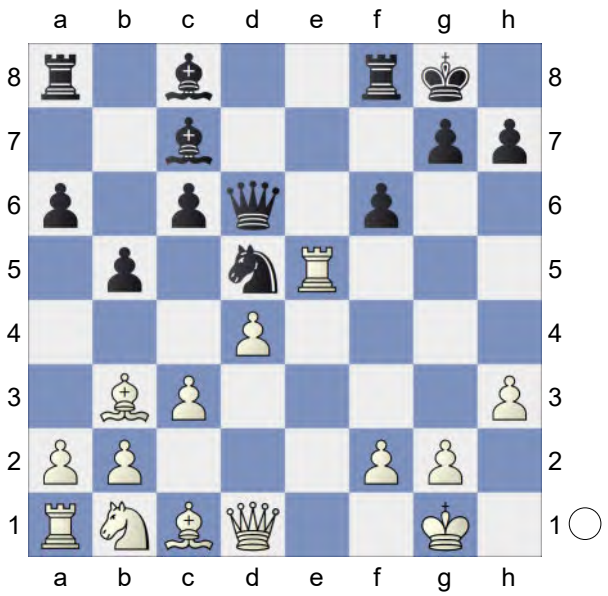
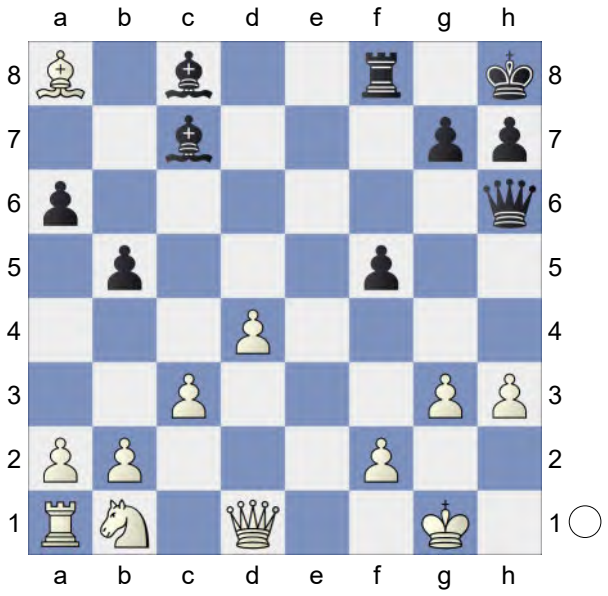
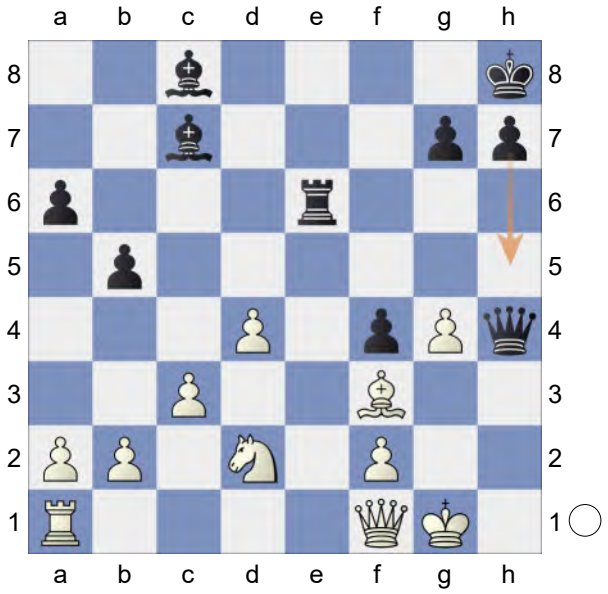


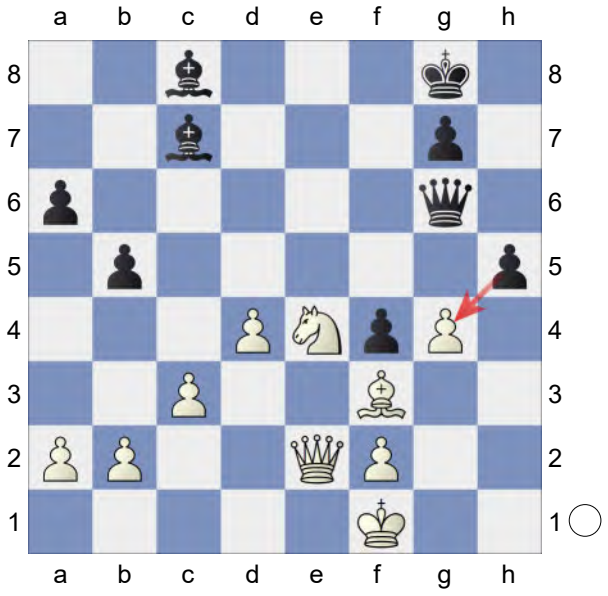
16.Rxd5 cxd5 17.Bf4 Prevents Qh2+.
17...Qxf4 18.Bxd5+ Kh8 19.g3 Qh6 -0.01/19
[19...Qg5!∓ -0.46/24 20.Bxa8 Bxg3! 21.fxg3 Qxg3+ 22.Bg2 *(22.Kh1? Qxh3+ 23.Kg1 Bg4-+)* 22...Bxh3]
20.Bxa8 f5 0.44/22
[20...Bxh3= 0.01/22 feels stronger. 21.Bf3 g5]



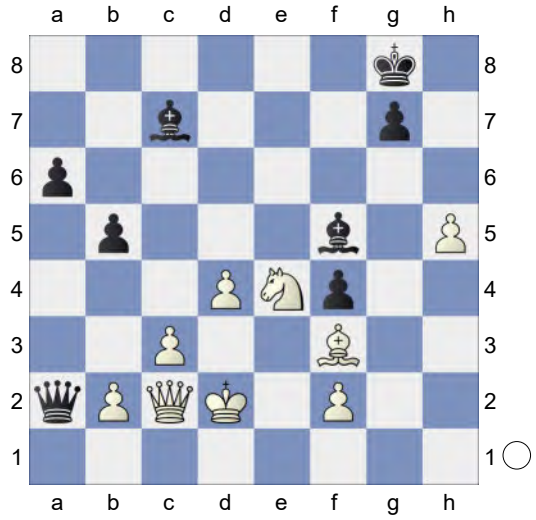
21.Bf3± f4 -0.01/20
[21...Qxh3± 0.32/22 22.Nd2 Bd7]
22.g4= Qxh3 Hoping for ...h5! **23.Nd2 Rf6** 1.65/20
[23...Qh4± 0.68/19]
24.Qe2+- Intending Qe8+ and mate.
24...Re6 Inhibits Qe8+. **25.Qf1 Qh4**



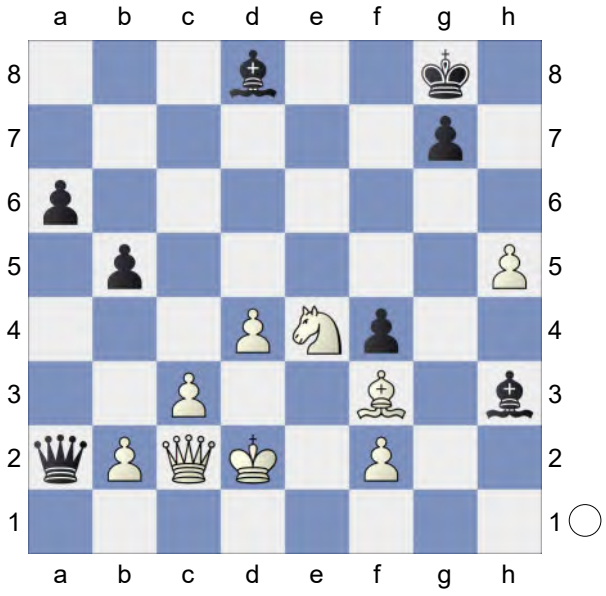
26.Re1 Qg5 27.Re4 1.20/21
[27.Rxe6+- 1.62/22 Bxe6 28.Qe2]
27...Kg8 28.Qe2 Qg6 1.64/20
[28...Qf6± 0.89/20 29.Rxe6 Bxe6]
29.Kf1 Rxe4 30.Nxe4 0.75/21
[30.Qxe4+- 1.74/22 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening Qe7. Qxe4 31.Nxe4]
30...h5±



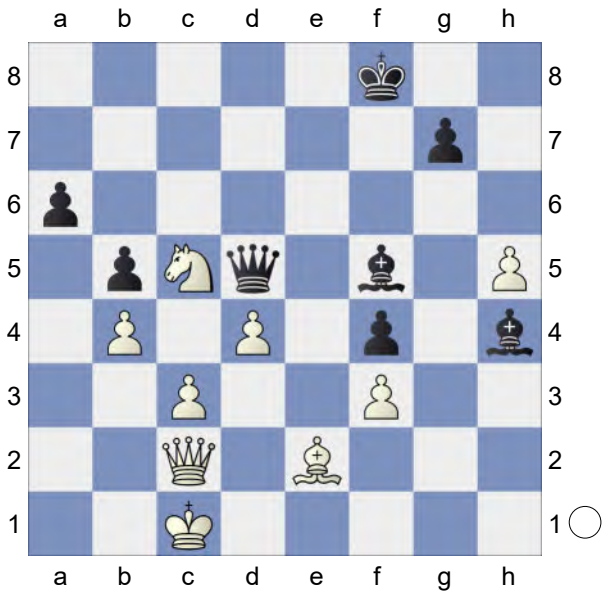
31.gxh5 0.92/21
[⌓31.g5! 1.33/21]
31...Bh3+ 32.Ke1 Black is now going downhill. **32...Qg1+ 33.Kd2 Qb1 34.Qd1** 0.89/23
[White should try 34.Qd3 1.34/25 Qxb2+ 35.Qc2 Qxc2+ 36.Kxc2]
34...Qxa2 1.26/22
[⌓34...Qxb2+ 0.89/23 35.Qc2 Qxc2+ 36.Kxc2 Bf5]
35.Qc2↑ White has strong initiative.
35...Bd8
[35...Bf5?



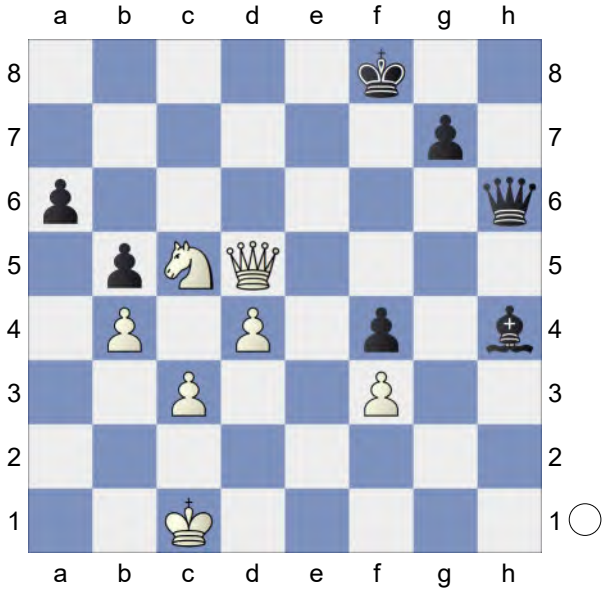
36.Nf6+! Kf7 37.Qxf5+-]



Prevents Ng5. **36.b4 Qc4 37.Nc5 Bh4 38.Be2 Qd5** White must now prevent ... f3. **39.f3 Kf8 40.Kc1 Bf5** 2.32/21
[40...Be7± 1.48/18 41.Nxa6 Bf5]

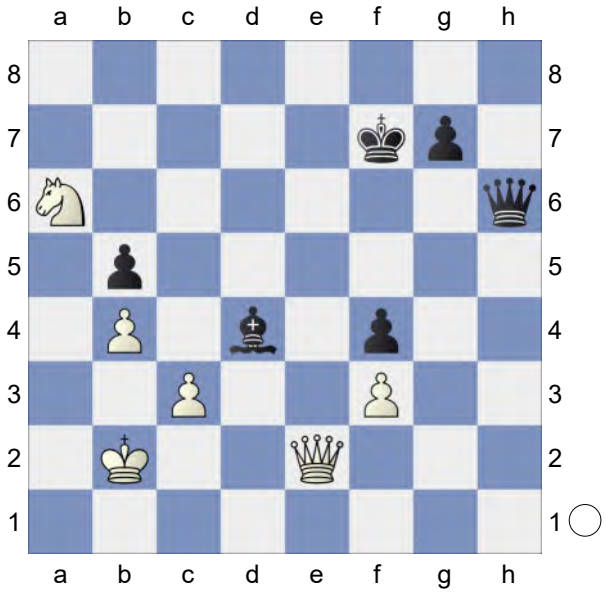


Against Qg6 **41.Bd3 Bxd3 42.Qxd3 Qxh5 43.Qe4 Qh6** 2.28/22
[43...Bf6 1.73/21 was necessary. 44.Qe6 *(44.Qxf4 Qh6±)* 44...Qf7 45.Qxa6 Qc4]
44.Qa8++- Kf7 45.Qd5+ Kf8



46.Kb2 Bf6 47.Qd6+ Kf7 48.Qe6+ Kg6 49.Qe2 Prevents Qh2. **49...Kf7**

50.Nxa6
[Don't take 50.Qe6+ Kg6 51.Qe4+ Kg5 52.Nxa6 Qh2+ 53.Kb3 Qd2+-]
50...Bxd4



51.Qxb5
[Worse is 51.cxd4 Qxa6 52.Qe4 *(52.Qe5 Qf6=)* 52...Qd6=]
51...Qh2+ 52.Kb3 Be3 53.Qd5+ Kf6 54.c4 Qe2 55.Nc7 1.66/18
[⌓55.Nb8 3.78/21]
55...Kg6? 5.24/22
[55...Ba7 1.66/18 is more resistant. 56.Qd6+ Kg5 57.Ne6+ Kf5 58.Nxg7+ Kg5 59.Ne6+ Kf5 60.Ng7+ Kg5 61.Ne6+ Kf5 62.Qd5+ Kf6 63.Nxf4 Qe3+ 64.Nd3 Bd4]

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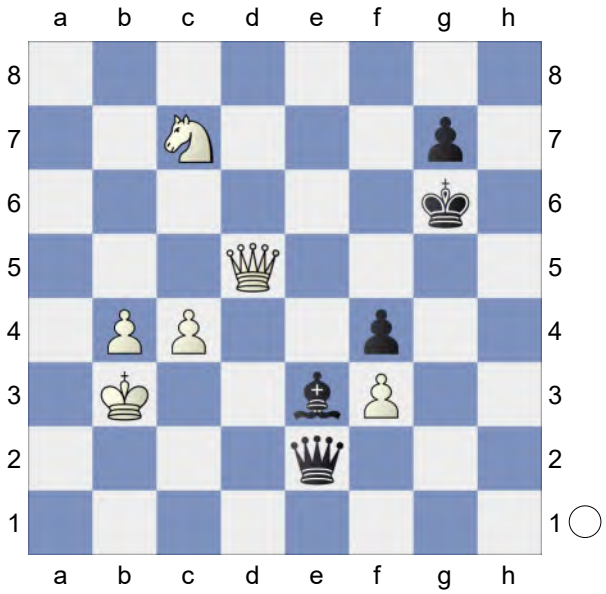
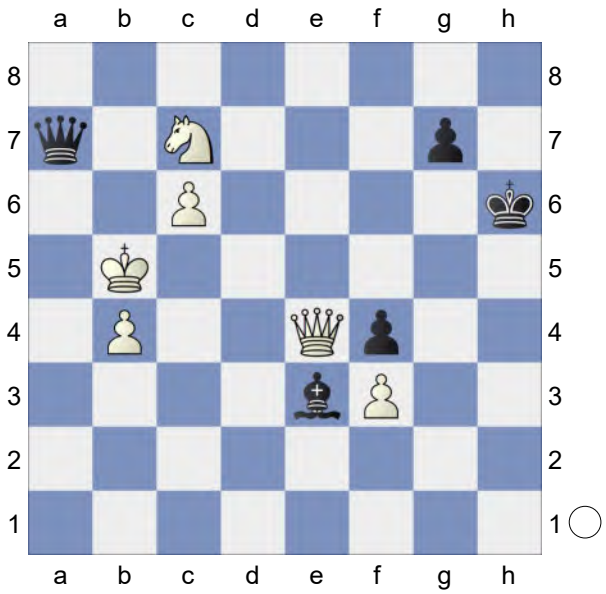


56.c5 c6 is the strong threat. **56...Qf1 57.c6 Qb1+ 58.Ka4 Qa1+ 59.Kb5 Kh6 60.Qe4** Threatens to win with Nd5.
60...Qa7



61.Nd5 Qf7 62.Ne7 White mates.
62...Qh5+ 63.Ka6 Qf7 64.c7 Qa2+ 65.Kb5 Qe2+

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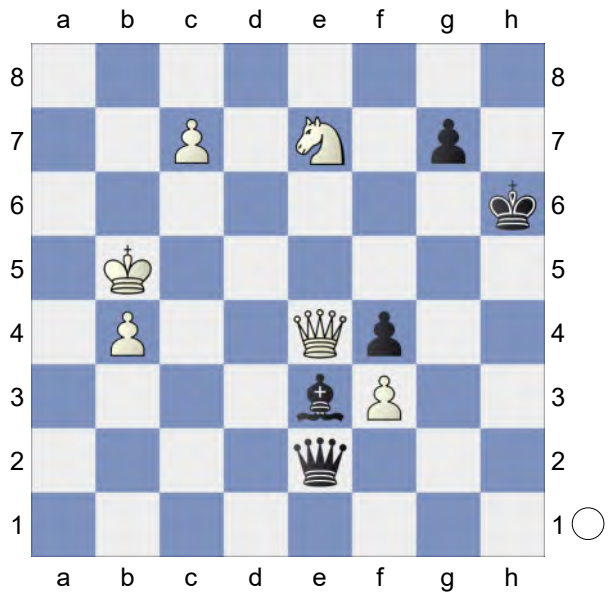
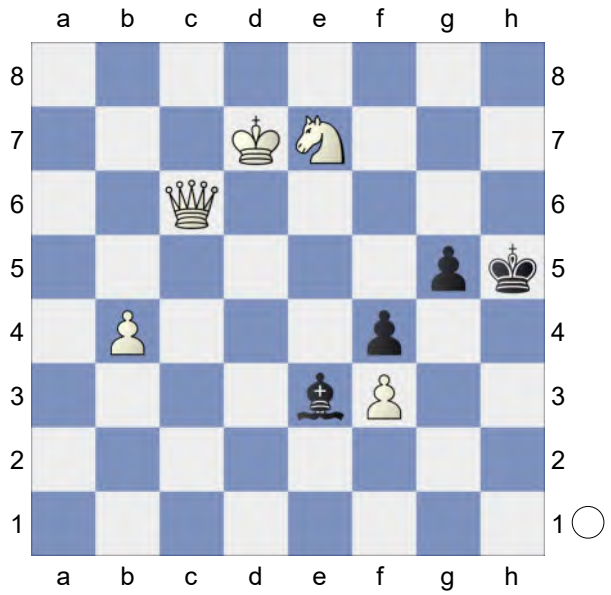


66.Kc6 Qa6+ 67.Kd7 g5 68.c8Q Qb5+ 69.Qcc6+ Qxc6+ 70.Qxc6+ Kh5



71.Nf5 g4 72.Qh6#

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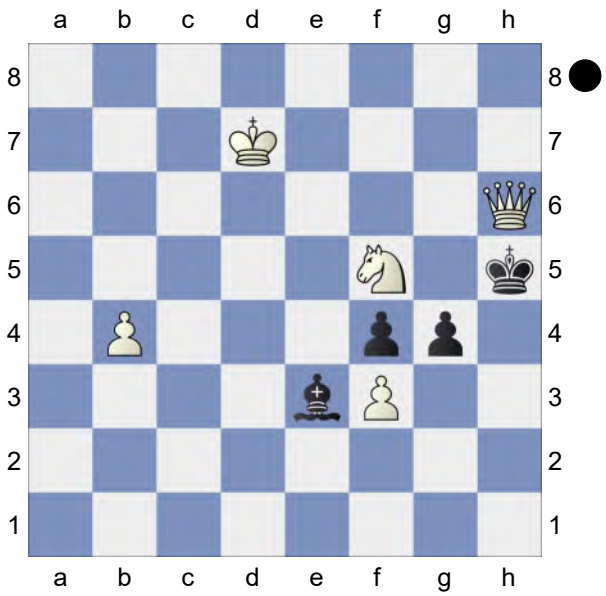

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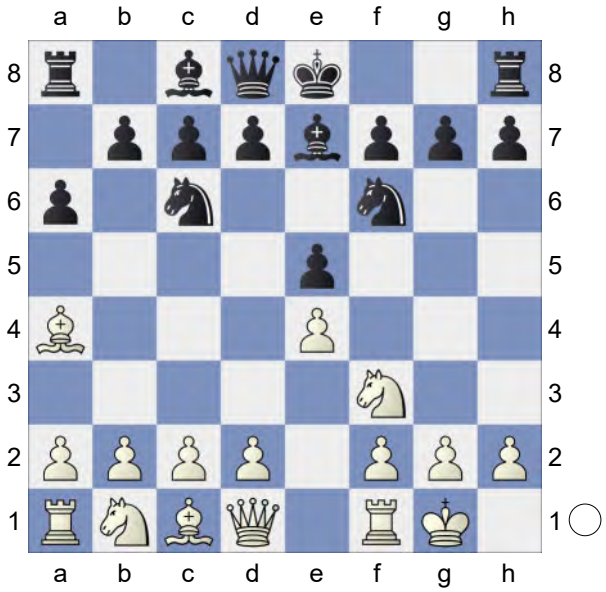
74 **C89**
□ **Xiaozu** **2557**
■ **RagingKnightNC** **2530**
Rapid 04.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 0.08/20
[9.exd5± 0.56/21 Nxd5 10.a4]
9...dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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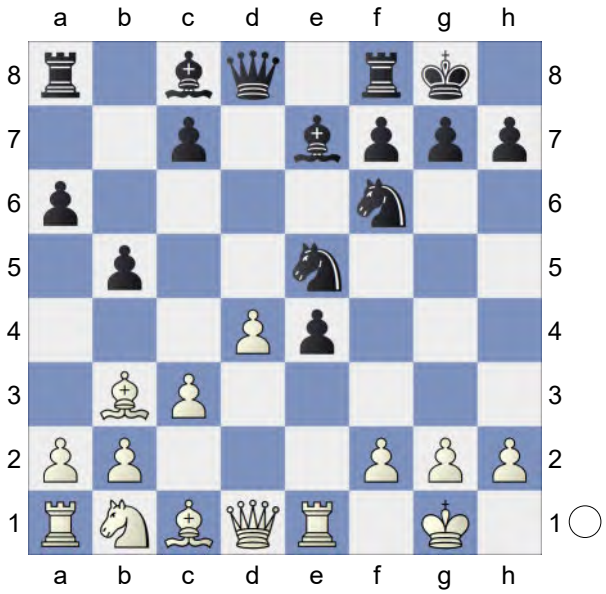


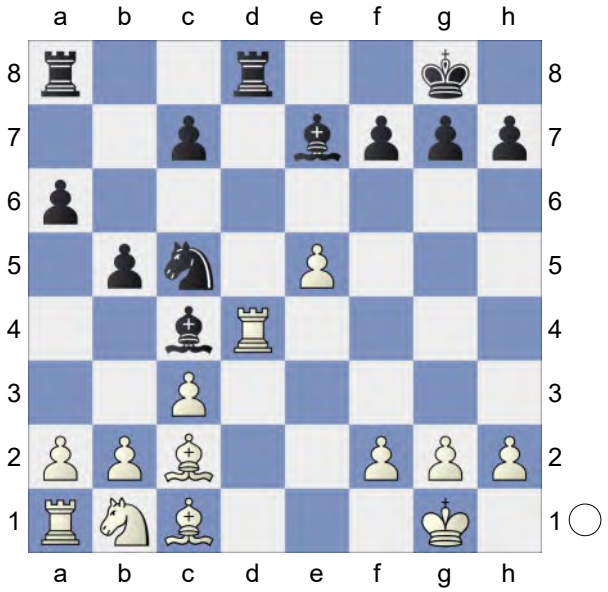
11.dxe5 Nd7N 0.64/19
[⌓11...Qxd1 0.31/21 12.Bxd1
A) 12...Nd7 13.Bc2 *(13.Rxe4 Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6 15.Rd2 Bg5 16.Rc2 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Nf4 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Ng6* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 13...Nxe5 *(13...Bb7 14.Nd2 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Rfe8 16.b3 Rad8 17.Bf4 f6* Antipov,M (2520)-14. ♕h6 ♖c3 15.bc3 ♕c7 (2435) Göteborg 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [Anil Kumar Anand]*)* 14.Bxe4 Ra7 *(14...Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+* Lesson 24: Spanish Mainline --Marshall Gambit 8... d5 9. d4*)* 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Bd7 17.Rd4 Bd6 18.Be3 Bc5 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Rh4+ Kg8 21.Bxc5 Nd3 22.Bxf8 Nxe1 23.Ba3 Rb7 24.Rb4 Rxb4 25.Bxb4 Nd3 26.Ba3 f6 27.Nd2 Filippov,L (2485)-Stoll,J (2092) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½

(60);
B) 12...Nd5]

12.Rxe4± Nc5 13.Qxd8 -0.13/22
[13.Rd4± 0.60/20 Qe8 14.Bc2]

13...Rxd8= 14.Rd4 Be6 0.03/20
[14...Rxd4∓ -0.38/21 15.cxd4 Nxb3 16.axb3 Be6]

15.Bc2 Bc4 0.62/21
[15...Nd7= -0.07/20]



16.b3 -0.01/22
[16.Rxc4!± 0.62/21 bxc4 17.Nd2]

16...Bd3 17.Bxd3 Nxd3 18.Be3 Nxe5 ...Ng4! is the strong threat. &Nero is more active. **19.Nd2 Nc6** -0.01/20
[19...f5∓ -0.46/20]

20.Rxd8+ Rxd8

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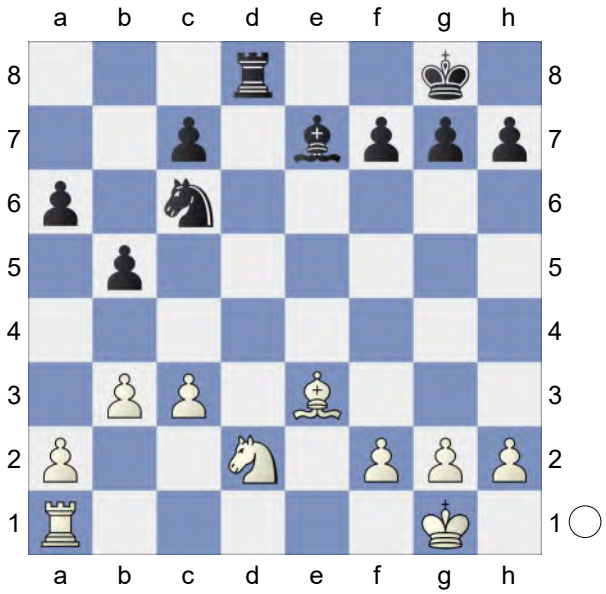
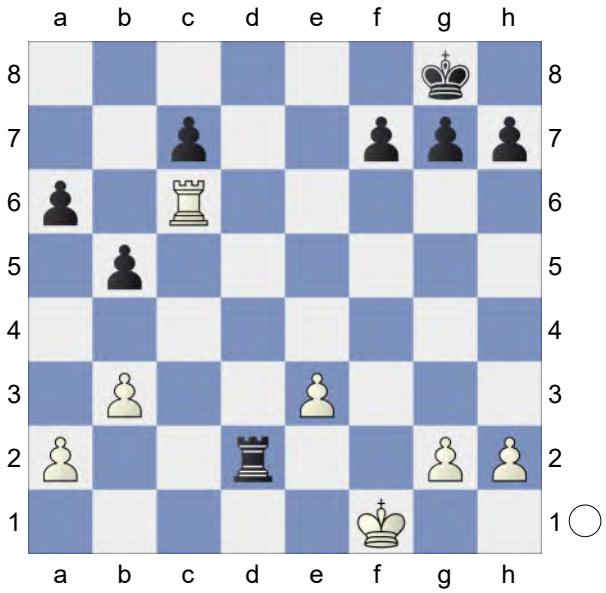


21.Rd1 -0.26/19
[21.Kf1 0.06/20 should be considered.]

21...Bf6 22.Kf1 -0.69/20
[Better is 22.Rc1= 0.00/21]

22...Bxc3∓ 23.Rc1 Bxd2 24.Rxc6 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Endgame KR-KR

25...Rd2



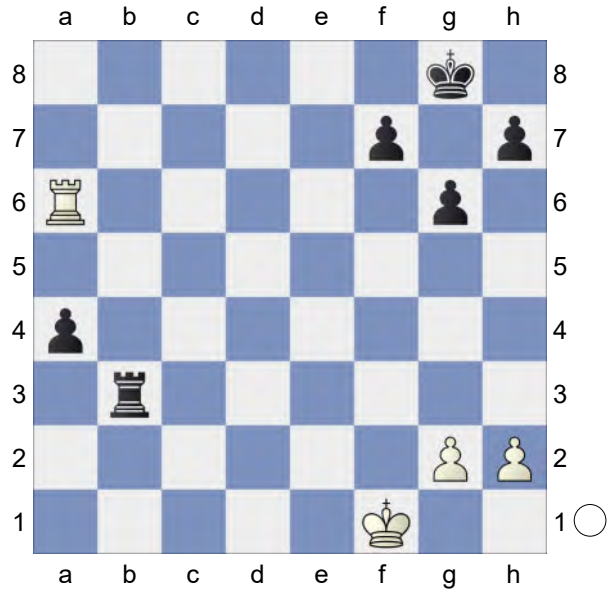
26.Rxc7 -0.65/24
[26.Rxa6= -0.20/23 Kf8 27.Ra7]

26...g6 27.a3 -1.14/23
[27.Rc8+∓ -0.50/22 Kg7 28.a4]

27...Rd3 -0.60/23

[27...Ra2∓ -1.14/23 28.a4 bxa4 29.bxa4 Rxa4]

28.Rc6 Rxe3 29.Rxa6 Rxb3 30.a4 bxa4

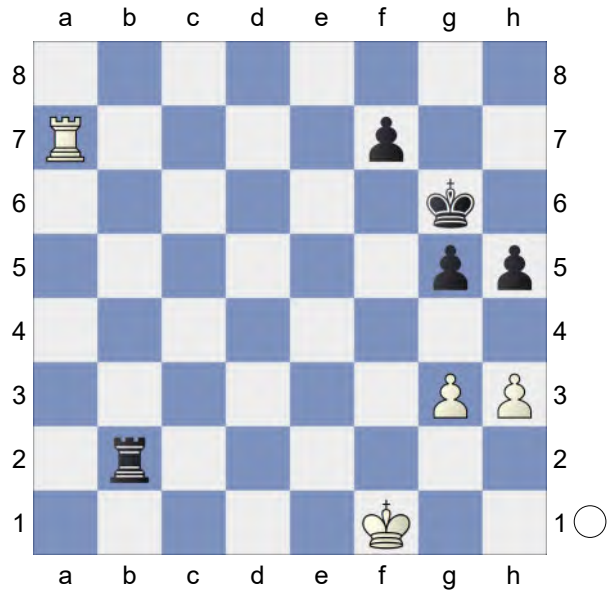


31.Rxa4 Rb2 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.Ra7 g5 34.h3 h5 35.g3 -1.17/29

[⌓35.Ra5 -0.72/27]

35...Kg6 -0.55/25

[35...Rh2∓ -1.17/29 36.h4 gxh4 37.gxh4 Rxh4]

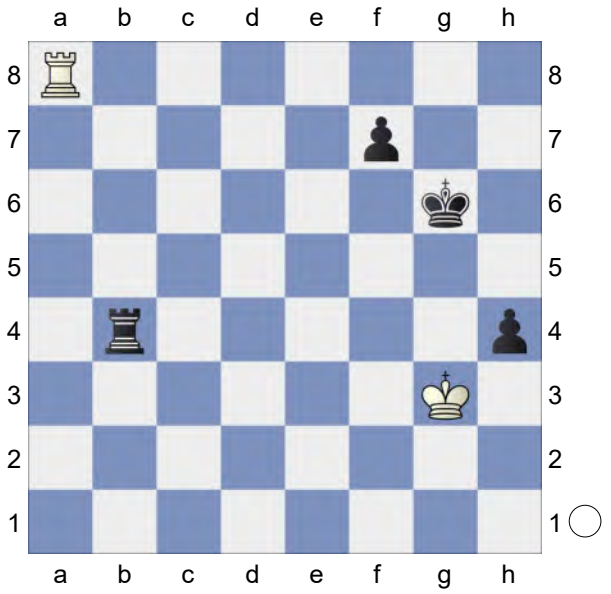


36.h4 -1.14/30

[36.Ra6+∓ -0.55/25 f6 37.Kg1]

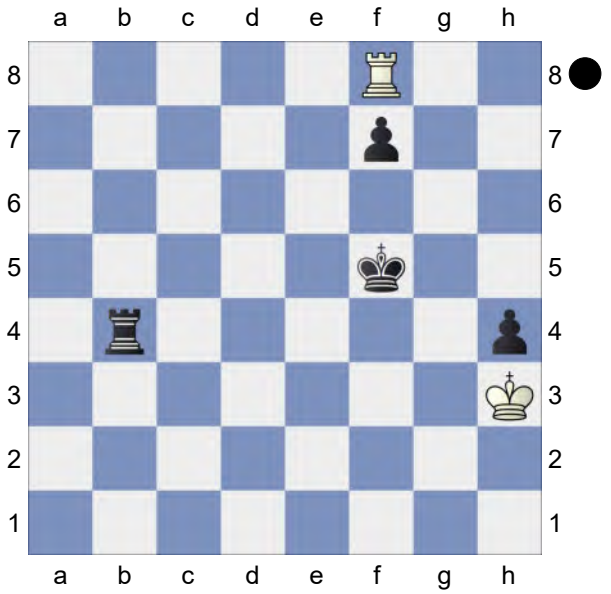
36...gxh4∓ 37.gxh4 Rb4 38.Ra8 Rxh4 Threatens to win with ...Rh2. **39.Kg2** Prevents Rh2+. **39...Rb4 40.Kg3 h4+** -0.01/30

[40...Rc4∓ -1.34/27 Black wants to play ...Kh7. 41.Rg8+ Kh7]



41.Kh3!= Kg5 42.Rg8+! Kf5 43.Rf8 -1.51/24

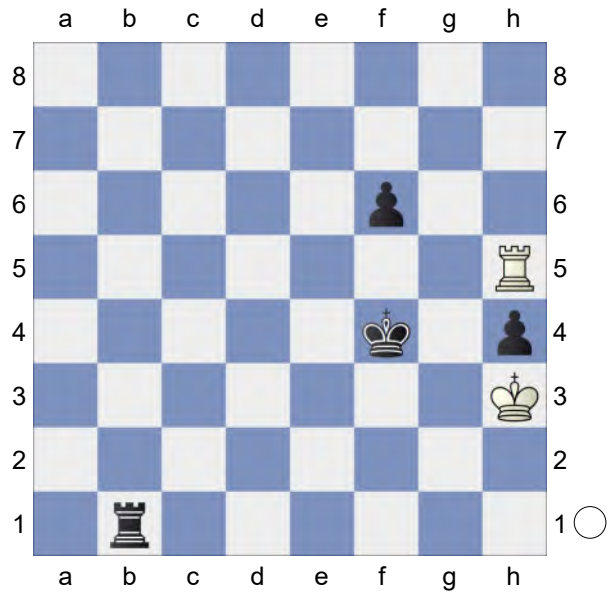
[43.Rh8= -0.17/27]



43...f6 -0.01/31

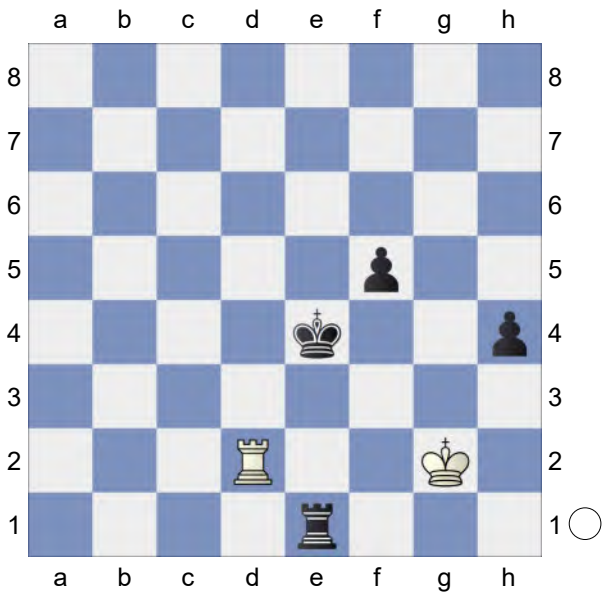
[43...Ke6!∓ -1.51/24 44.Re8+ Kf6]

44.Rh8 Rb1 45.Rh5+ Kf4
[Of course not 45...Kg6?! 46.Rc5∓]

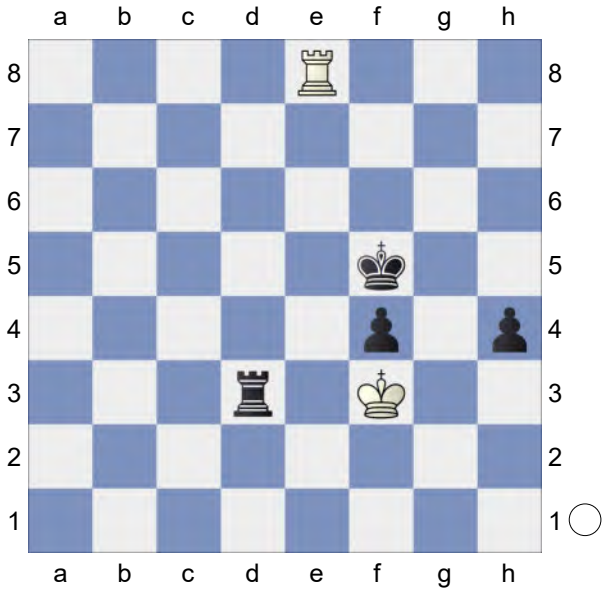


White must now prevent ...Rb3+. **46.Rd5 f5**
[Stronger than 46...Ke4 47.Ra5∓]
47.Rd4+ -0.70/27
[47.Rd8= -0.01/29]
47...Kf3 -0.01/29
[Black should try 47...Kg5∓ -0.70/27 48.Rd8 Rb3+ 49.Kg2 h3+ 50.Kh2 f4]
48.Rd3+ -0.40/29
[48.Kxh4= -0.01/29 f4 49.Ra4]
48...Ke4∓ 49.Rd2 Rh1+ 50.Kg2 Re1

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Ke3. **51.Rf2** -1.17/26
[White should play 51.Rd8∓ -0.52/26 Re3 52.Re8+ Kf4 53.Rf8]
51...f4 -0.01/26
[51...Re3∓ -1.17/26 52.Ra2 Rg3+ 53.Kh2 f4 54.Ra4+ Kf5]
52.Ra2= Rd1 53.Re2+ Kf5
[53...Kd5!?]
54.Re8 Rd2+ 55.Kf3! Rd3+



56.Ke2 Rg3 57.Rf8+ Kg4 58.Rg8+ Kh3 59.Rf8 Rg2+ 60.Kf3 Rg1

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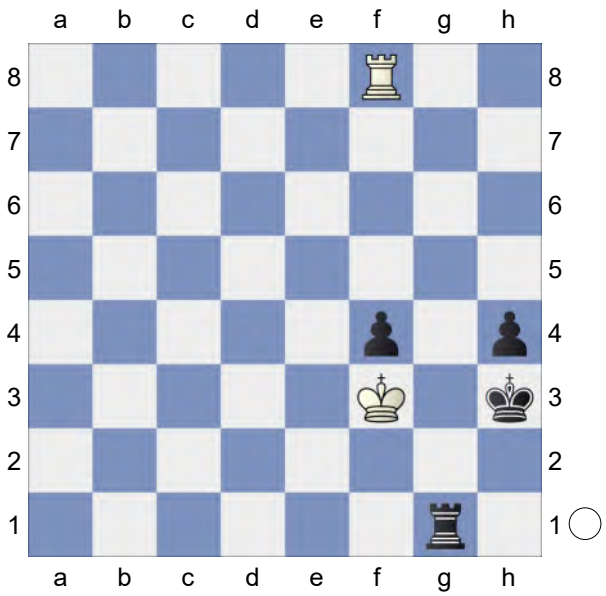
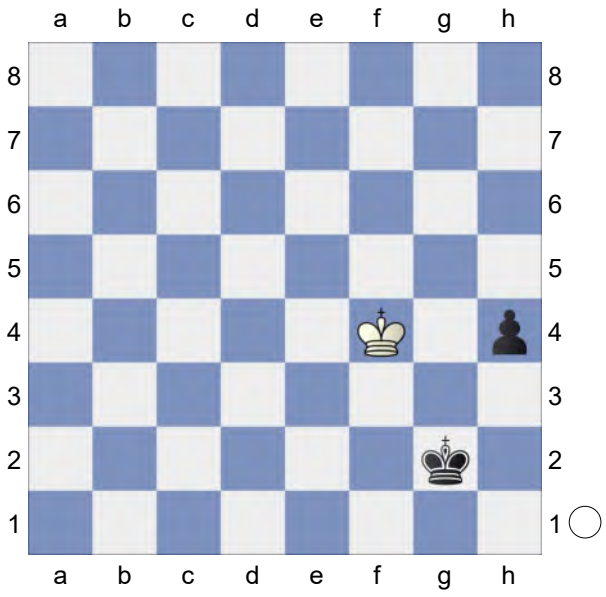


61.Rxf4? -#14/26
[61.Kf2= -0.01/28 Rg3 62.Rxf4]
61...Rf1+ Black mates. **62.Ke4 Rxf4+ 63.Kxf4 Kg2**



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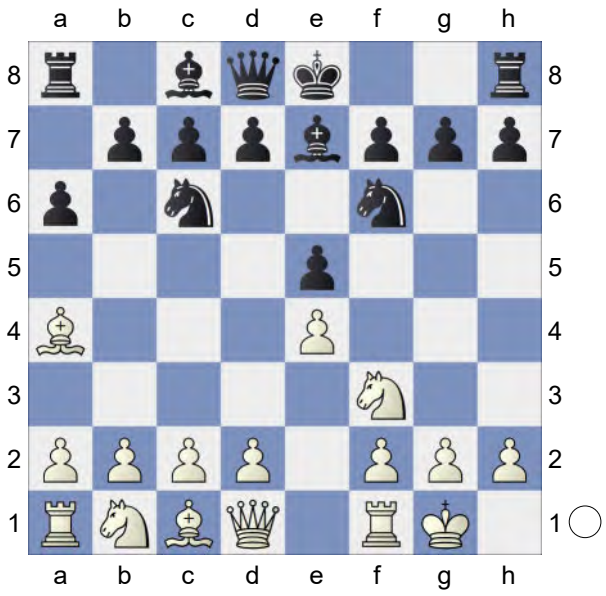
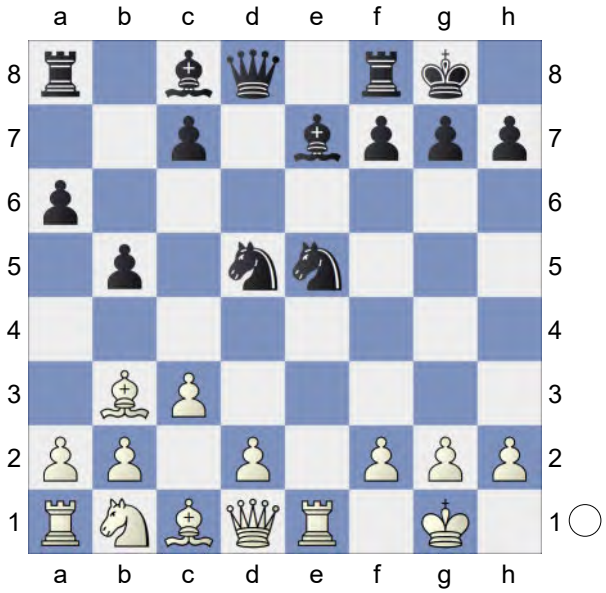
75 **C89**
□ **Yonal,Timur** **2146**
■ **Lopusiewicz,Piotr** **2301**
Titled Tue 17. Sep Early (2) 17.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 14.Bd2 is not played anymore. 14.Ld2 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **14...Rxe1+N** White has an edge.
[14...b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5
A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)*
17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);
B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]
15.Qxe1 c5N
[15...Qd7 16.Nc2 Re8 17.Qf1 Bc6 18.Bd2 a5 19.Re1 0.24/22 *(19.Ne1± 0.57/18* is more appropriate.*)* 19...a4= 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 1-0 Buijsman,J (1750)-Gavrileteanu,L (1500) IECG L2.1999.0.00003 email]

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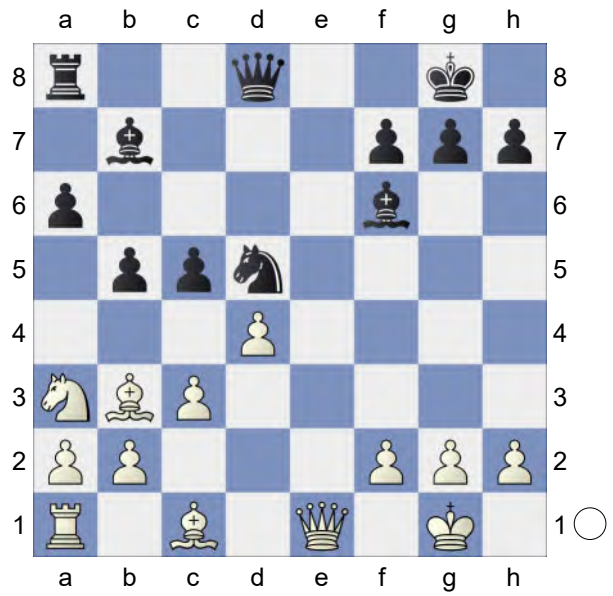

16.dxc5 Qd7 0.77/19
[16...Qc8± 0.42/21]
17.Nc2± a5 1.27/20
[Black should play 17...Be7 0.75/19]
18.a4 Re8 1.64/21 Against Qe2
[18...Qc6± 1.26/21]
19.Qf1? 0.01/23
[19.Qd1+- 1.64/21 Rd8 20.Ne3 bxa4 21.Bxd5 *(21.Rxa4 Qe7±; 21.Bxa4 Qc7±)* 21...Bxd5 22.Nxd5 *(22.Rxa4 Qe7±)* 22...Qxd5 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Be3]
19...b4 2.00/21
[19...Nxc3!= 0.01/23 20.bxc3 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 *(21.Qxg2 Qd1+ 22.Qf1 Qg4+ 23.Qg2 Qd1+ 24.Qf1 Qg4+ 25.Qg2 Qd1+=)* 21...Qg4+ 22.Kh1 Qf3+ 23.Qg2 Qd1+ 24.Qg1 Qf3+ 25.Qg2 Qd1+ 26.Qg1 Qf3+ 27.Qg2]
20.cxb4+- axb4 2.61/21
[⌓20...Nxb4 1.76/20 21.Nxb4 Bxg2]

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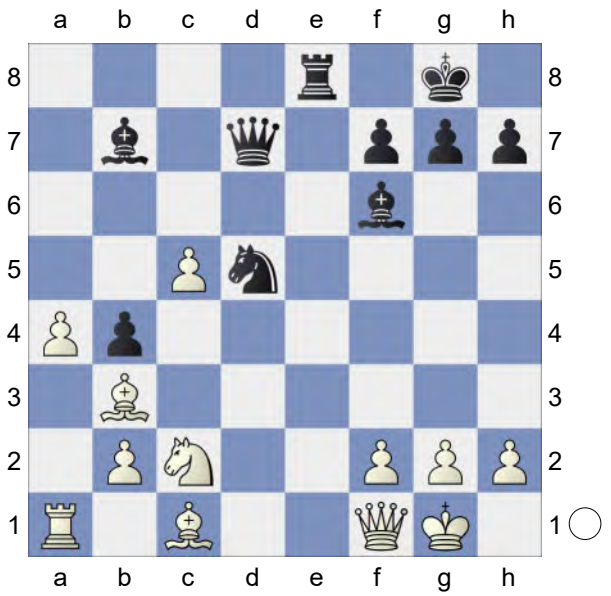
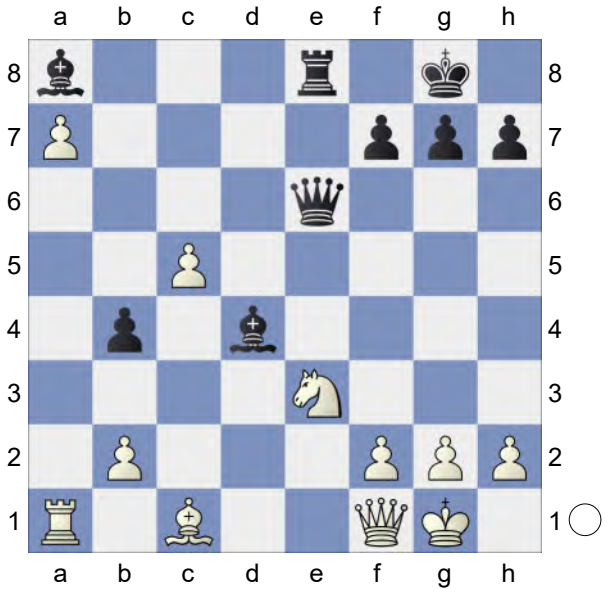
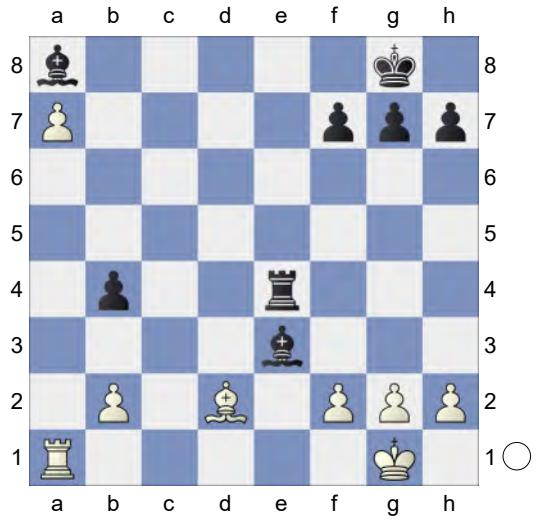


21.a5 Qg4 3.87/20
[21...Ba8 2.68/19 might work better. 22.a6 Qe7 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Nxb4 Ba8]
22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Ne3 Against Bc4
23...Qe6 24.a6 Ba8 25.a7 Bd4 1.90/21
[25...Qc6± 1.52/22 26.Ra6 *(26.Ra5 Bd4±)* 26...Qxc5]

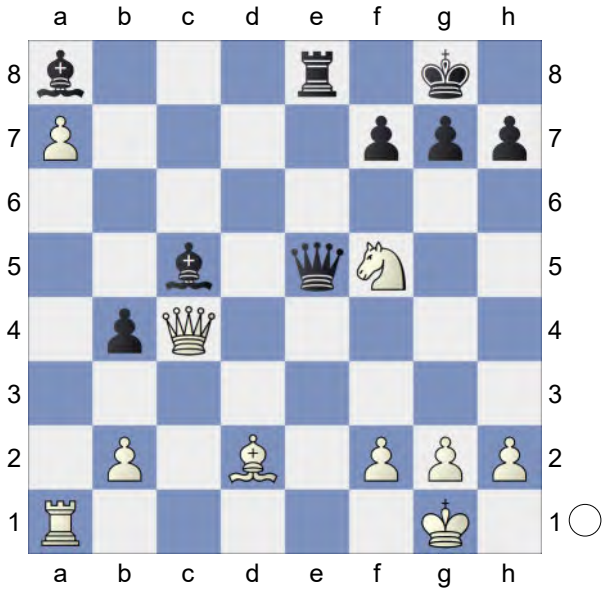


26.Bd2 Strongly threatening Qc4.
26...Bxc5 27.Qa6 0.69/24
[27.Qb5± 1.13/21 Rc8 28.h3 *(28.Bxb4? Bxe3 29.Qe2 Bxa7-+)*]

27...Qe4± 28.Qc4! Qe7
[28...Bxe3? 29.Qxe4 Rxe4



30.Rc1!+-]
[28...Bd4? 29.Qxb4 Qd3 30.Qb8!+-]
29.Nf5 Qe5



30.Be3! &Bianco is more active.
30...Qxb2 1.19/23
[30...Bxa7 31.Nh6+]

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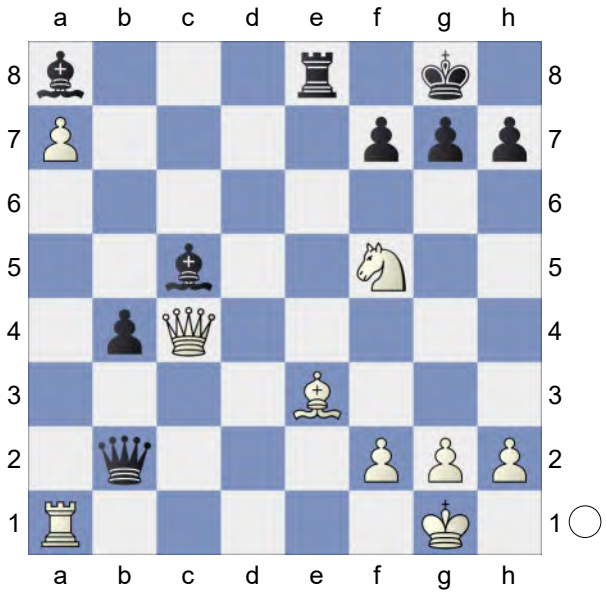
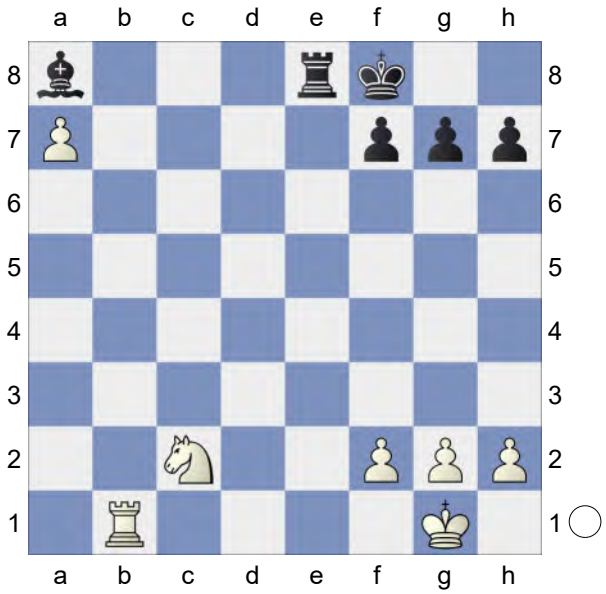
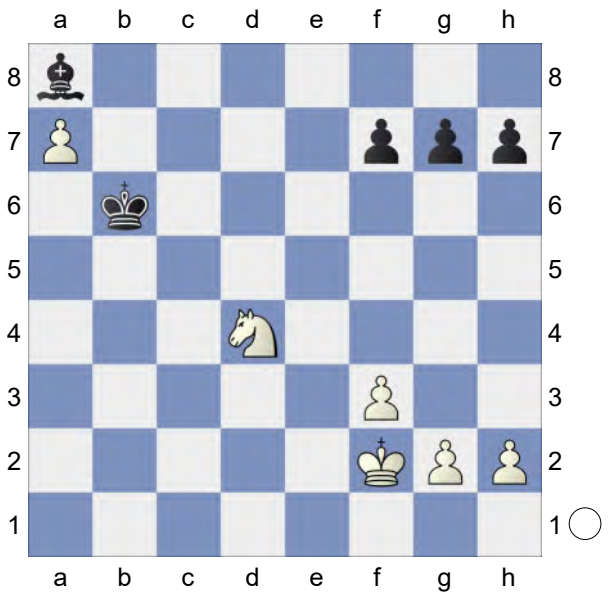


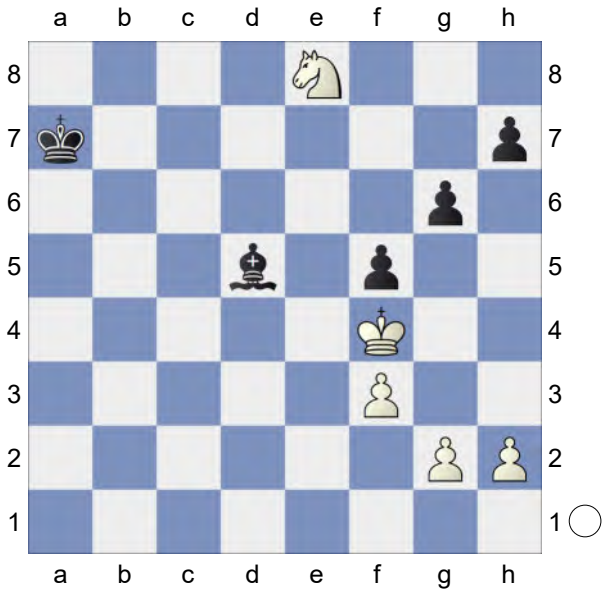
31.Rf1 0.51/23 The board is on fire.
[Better is 31.Rd1± 1.19/23 Bf8 32.Bd4]
31...Bxe3 32.Nxe3→ White wants a kill. White stays focused until the end.
32...Qc3 2.31/25
[32...b3± 0.84/22]
33.Qxc3 bxc3+- Endgame KRB-KRN
34.Rb1 c2? 4.36/24
[34...Kf8 1.71/23 35.Rb3 Re7]
35.Nxc2 Kf8



36.Rb8 Ke7 37.Rxe8+ Kxe8 KB-KN
38.f3 Kd7 39.Kf2 Kc7 40.Nd4 Kb6



41.Ke3 Hoping for Nf5. **41...Kxa7**
42.Nf5 g6 3.04/26
[⌓42...g5 2.17/25 43.Nd6 g4]
43.Nd6 Bd5 44.Kf4 f6 7.22/30
[44...Kb6 1.78/24]
45.Ne8 White is clearly winning. **45...f5**



46.Nf6 Bf7 47.Nxh7 Kb6 48.Ng5 Kc6 49.Nxf7

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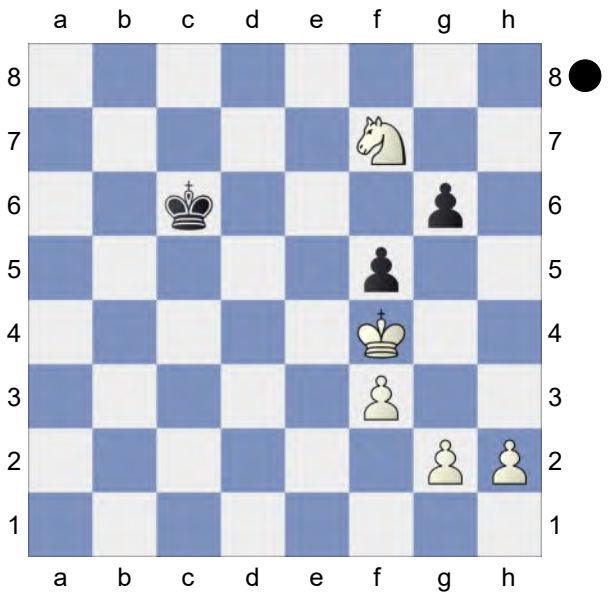

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76 **C89**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2467**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2627**
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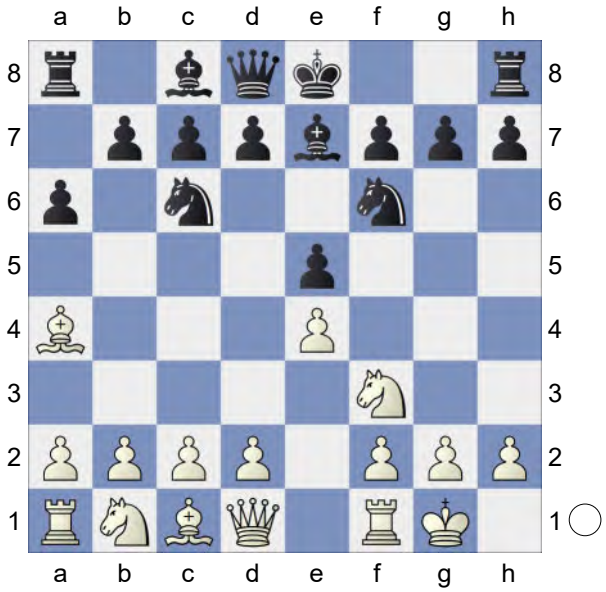
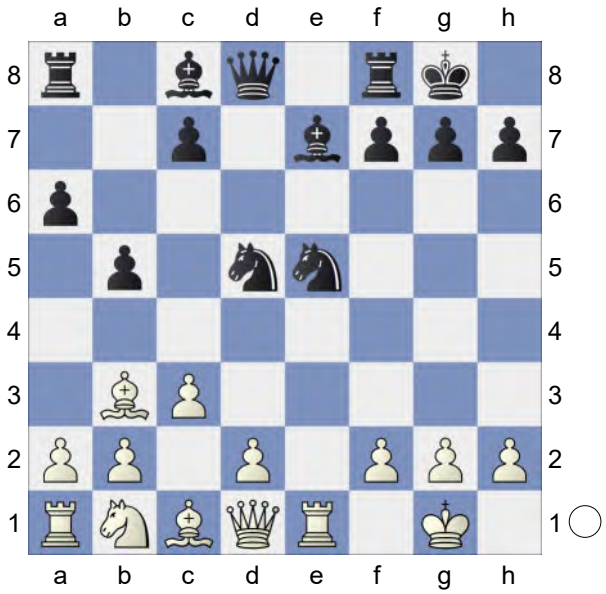
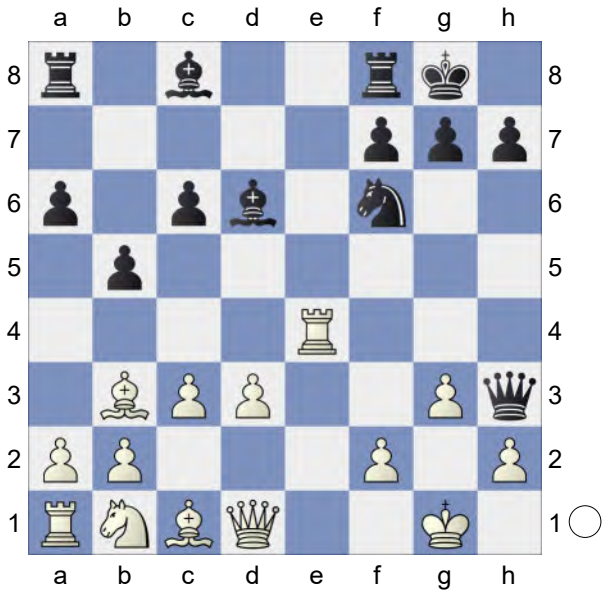
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6!



is recently more successful than 15...Qf5.
ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 15...Df5.
16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4 18.Qf3 -0.20/22
[18.Qe2± 0.50/21]
[18.f3 Ne3 19.Qe2 Nd5 20.Nf1 Qg6 21.c4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Nxd3 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bd2 Re8 25.Kh1 Bc5 26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4 Nf2+ 28.Qxf2 Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5 31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8 0-1 Sacrificial Line (2461)-Coudrain,J (2580) Saint Petersburg 59/(537) 1993 (5)]
18...Be7= 19.Rxg4N
[19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Ne5 21.Rf4 Bxd3 22.Nf3 Ng6 23.Rd4 Bf5 24.g4 Be6 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Kg2 Rf7 27.Ng5 e5 28.Rd3 Rf4 29.Ne6 Rf6 30.Ng5 Raf8 31.Ne4 Rf4 32.Re3 Nh4+ 33.Kg3 Rxe4 ½-½ Sapozhnikov,R (2433)-Sambuev,B (2718) Ottawa Spring Open 2011 (3)]
19...Qxg4 20.Qxc6 Bf5

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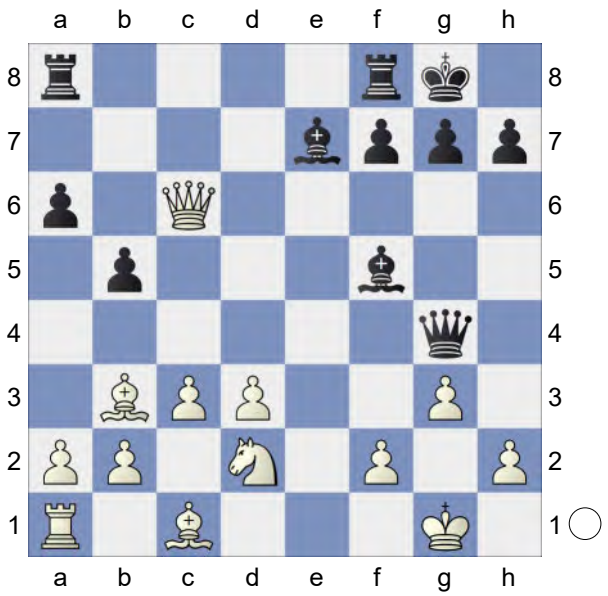

...Be7-h4! would now be deadly. **21.d4** -1.05/21
[21.f3!= 0.11/20 Qh5 22.Ne4]
21...Rad8 0.01/21
[21...Bf6∓ -1.05/21 22.Qg2 Rae8]
22.Qf3 -0.44/20
[22.Qxa6= 0.01/21 Qe2 23.Qc6]
22...Qg6∓ Threatens to win with ...Xg6-f4. Black has compensation. **23.Nf1** -0.65/20
[23.a4= -0.28/20 was preferrable.]
23...Be4 Against **24.Qe2** Hoping for g4xf5. **24...Rfe8! 25.f3** -1.28/19
[25.Bf4∓ -0.38/20]
25...Bb7 -0.73/20
[Better is 25...Bd3 -1.28/19 26.Qf2 Bd6]

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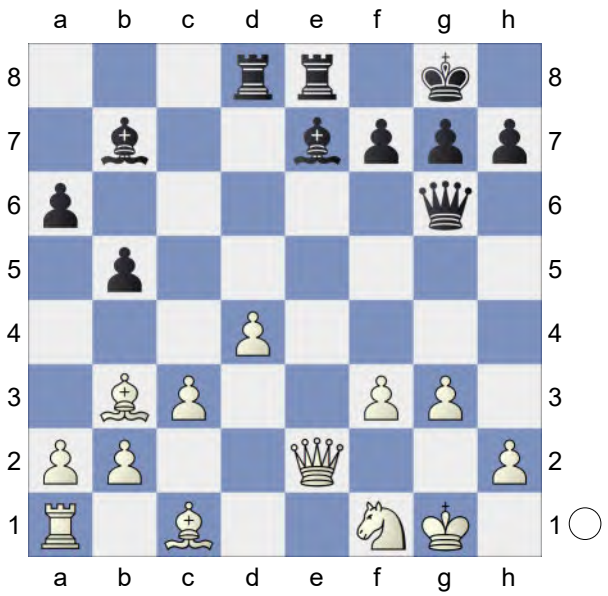

26.Qf2 Qf5 -0.30/20
[26...Qc6∓ -0.93/18 27.Kg2 b4]
27.Kg2 Bd6 ...Qf5xf3+! is the strong threat. **28.Be3** -0.93/18
[28.Ne3∓ -0.56/18 Qd7 29.a4]
28...h5 29.h4 Bb8 -0.42/18 Black is much more active.
[29...Rd7∓ -1.03/21]
30.Bc2? -2.64/21
[30.Rd1∓ -0.42/18]
30...Qd5? 0.01/19
[Black should try 30...Bxf3+-+ -2.64/21 31.Kg1 Qg4]

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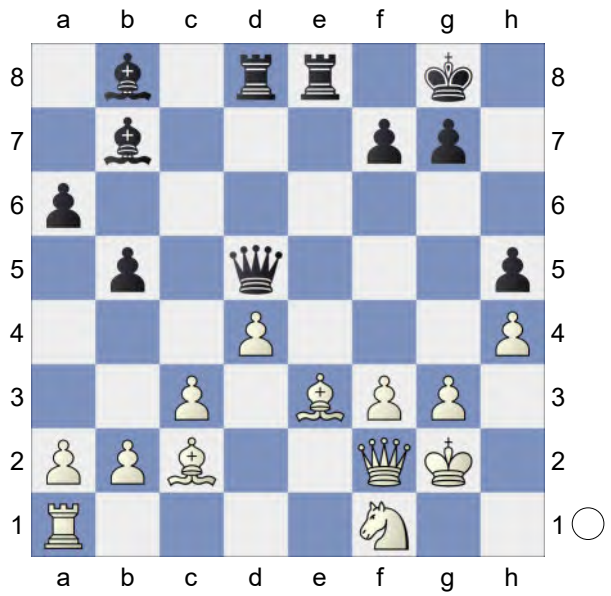
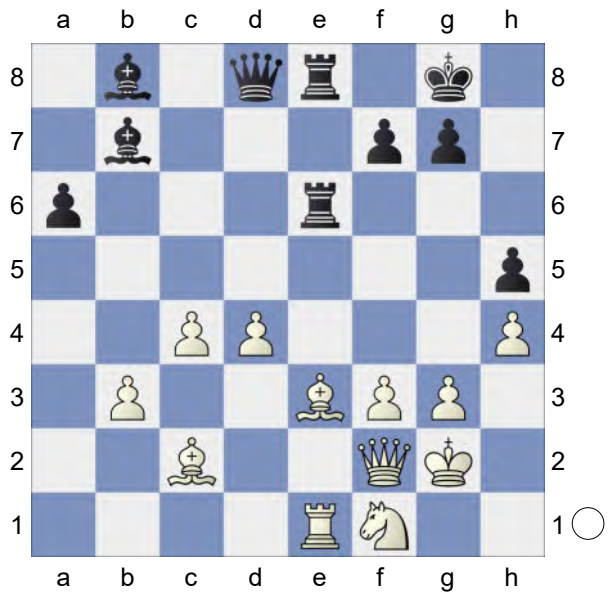
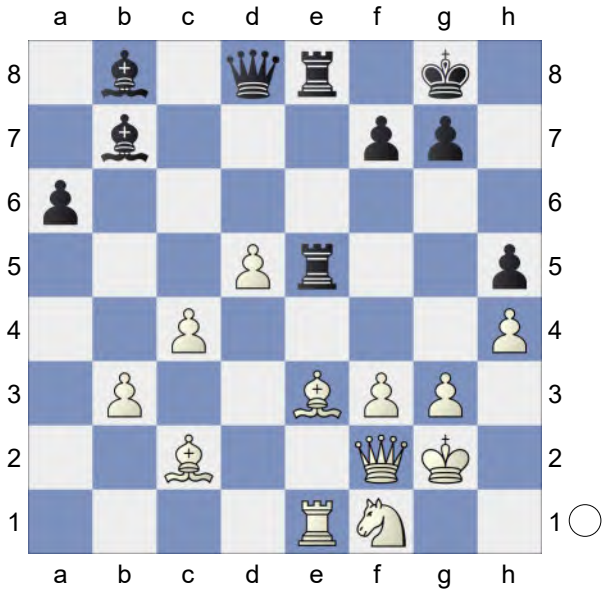


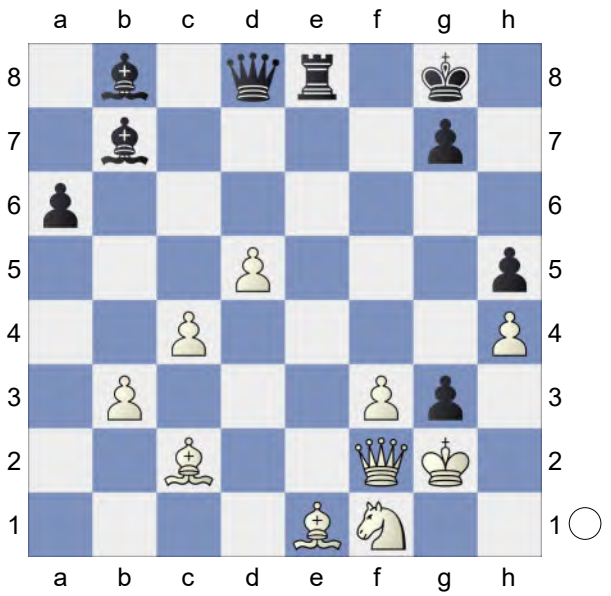
31.a4 -0.50/20
[31.Bd3= 0.01/19]
31...Re6 0.46/21
[31...b4!∓ -0.50/20]
32.axb5 0.01/22
[32.Nd2± 0.46/21]
32...Qxb5= 33.b3 -0.23/23
[33.Ra4 0.23/20 deserves consideration.]
33...Rde8 34.c4 Qb6 0.82/20
[34...Qb4!= -0.01/21 35.Rd1 Ba7]
35.Re1± Qd8



36.d5 Re5 1.61/19
[36...R6e7± 0.92/21]

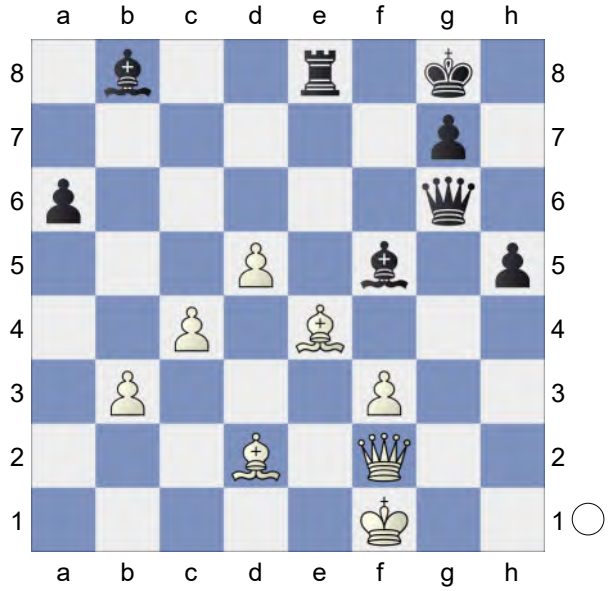


37.Be4!+- f5 1.70/21
[37...a5± 1.13/21 keeps fighting. 38.Bf4 R5e7]
38.Bc2 f4? 2.98/21
[38...Ba7± 1.42/19 might work better.]
39.Bd2? -0.24/22
[39.gxf4+- 2.98/21 R5e7 40.Be4]
39...Rxe1 40.Bxe1 aiming for Bc2-g6.
40...fxg3



Remove Defender **41.Nxg3 Qxh4**

42.Be4? -2.26/21
[42.Ne4!= -0.01/20 Qh2+ 43.Kf1]
42...Bc8-+ White must now prevent ... Qh4-h3+. **43.Nf5?** -6.99/22
[43.Kg1 -2.05/20]
43...Qg5+ Black is clearly winning.
44.Kf1 Bxf5 45.Bd2 Qg6



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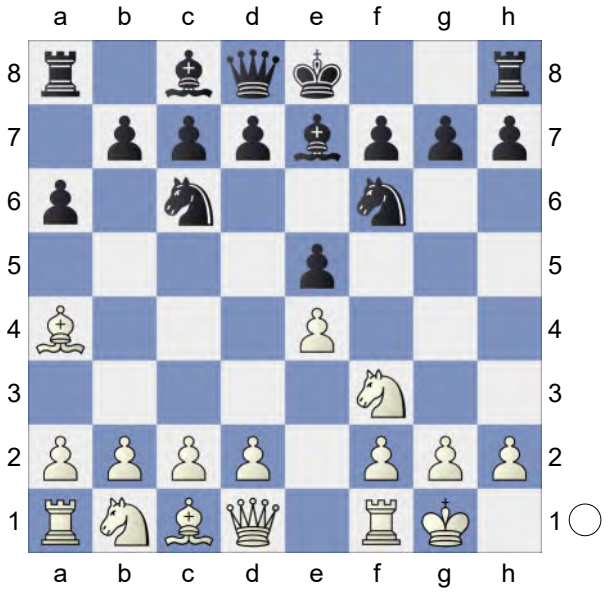
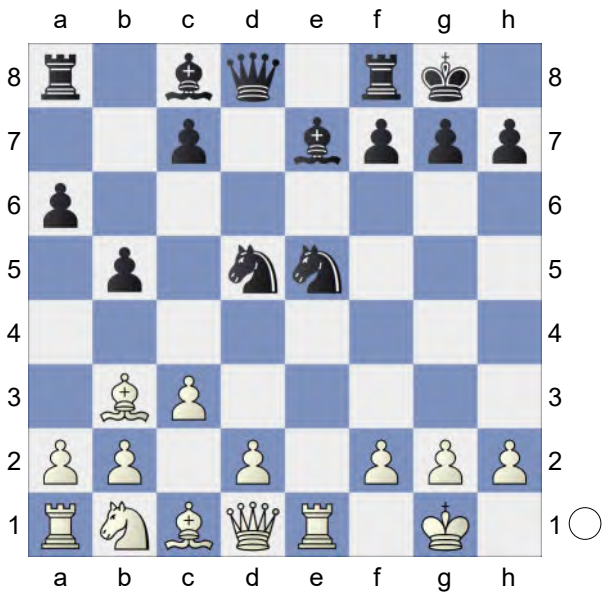
77 **C89**
□ **Zoe_ChessBot** **2776**
■ **caissa-x** **2809**
Classical 28.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

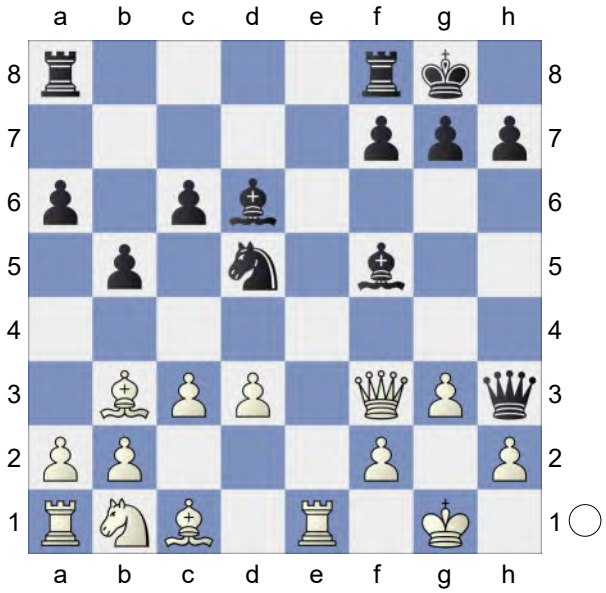
Rapid 30min+30sec
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

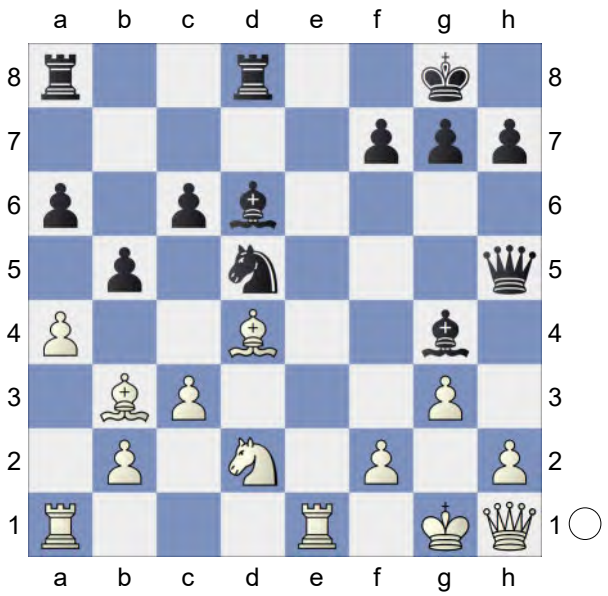


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

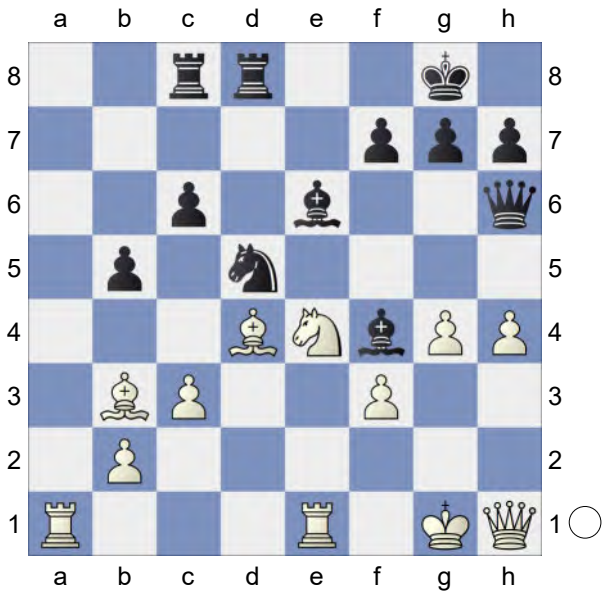


16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
[16...Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rac8 18.Nd2±]
17.Nd2 Bf5
[Much less strong is 17...Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bg6 19.Qxc6±]
18.Bd4 Rfd8
[18...Bg4 19.Qg2 Rfd8 20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Bd1 h6 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.Bf3 Rac8 24.Rad1 c5 25.Be5 Be6 26.g4 Be7 27.Ng3 g6 28.Ne4 Rd7 29.h4 Rcd8 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 Bf5 32.Nf6+ Nxf6 33.gxf6 Vachier Lagrave,M (2737)-Ding,L (2811) Danzhou 2022 ½-½ (95)]
19.a4 Bg4 20.Qh1N Black must now prevent axb5.
[20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Be6 22.Ne4 *(22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.Bc2 Nc7* 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14… Qh4) A*)* 22...Nxc3 23.Bxe6 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 fxe6 15. g3,1-N,N Marshall 12. d3 (14... Qh4) A]
20...Qh5

(Diagram)

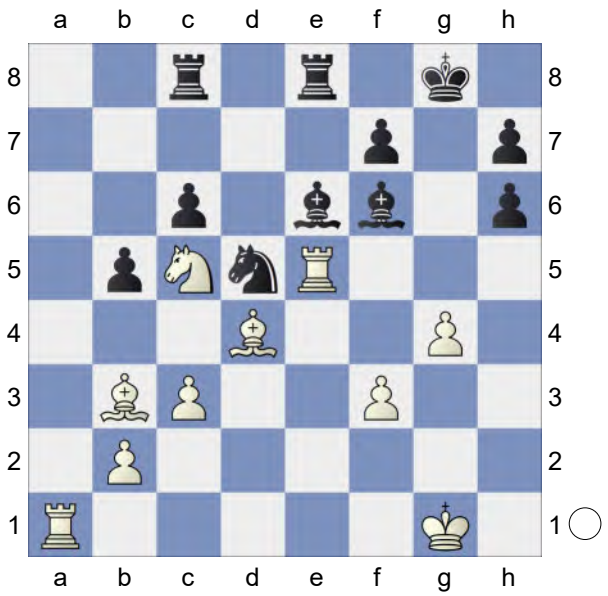


21.h4 Rac8 22.f3 Be6 23.g4 Qh6 24.Ne4 Bf4 25.axb5 axb5

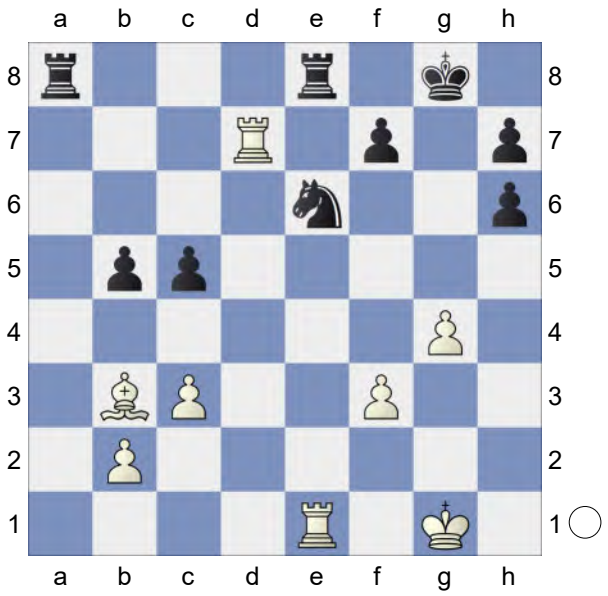


26.Nc5 Bg3 27.Re4 Bxh4 28.Qh2 Re8 29.Re5 Strongly threatening Rh5. **29...Bf6 30.Qxh6 gxh6**

(Diagram)

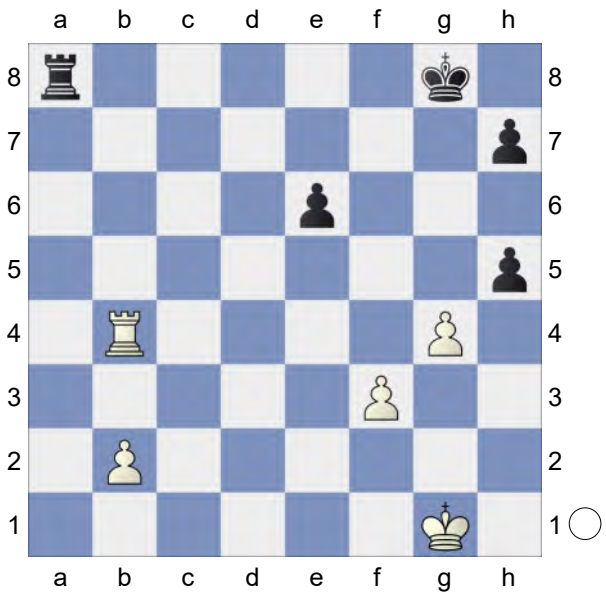


31.Re4 Bxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Nc7 33.Nxe6 Nxe6 34.Rd7 Ra8 35.Re1 c5

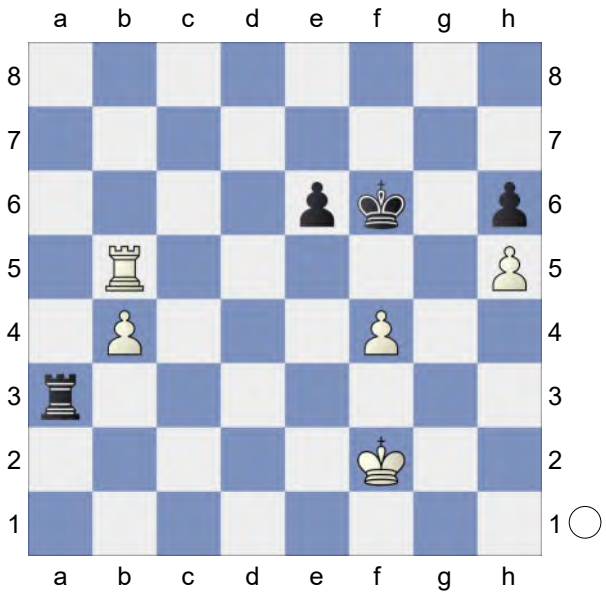


36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Rxe6 fxe6= Endgame KR-KR **38.Rb7 b4 39.cxb4 cxb4 40.Rxb4 h5**

(Diagram)



41.gxh5 Kg7 42.Rb5 Ra1+ 43.Kf2 Kf6 44.f4 h6 45.b4 Ra3

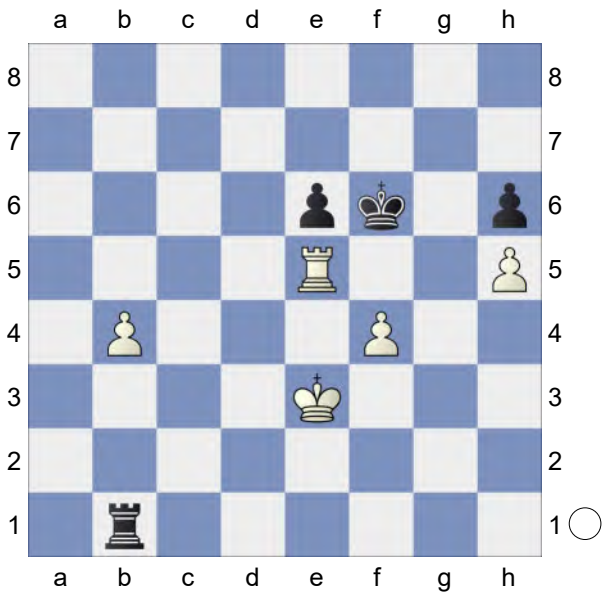


46.Re5 Ra4 47.Re4! Kf5 1.08/27

[⌓47...Ra3 0.73/25]

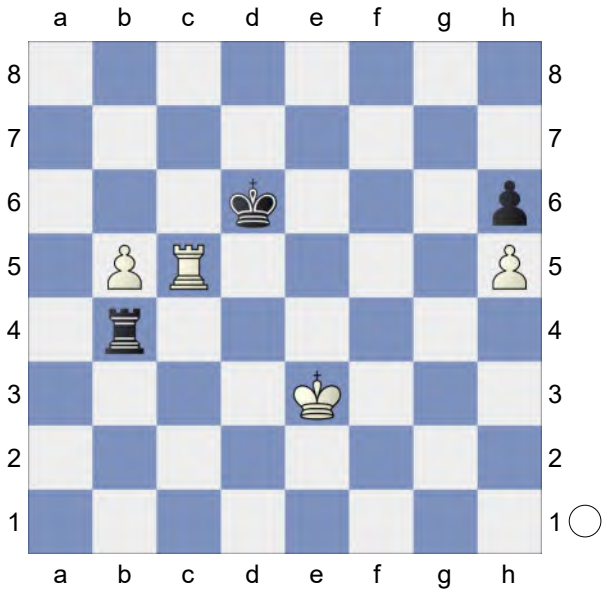
48.Kf3± Ra1 49.Re5+ Kf6 50.Ke3 Rb1

(Diagram)



51.b5 Rb4 52.Rc5 Ke7! 53.f5 exf5 Remove Defender **54.Rxf5 Ke6 55.Rc5 Kd6** 1.16/31

[⌓55...Kd7 0.74/26]



56.Rc6+ Kd7

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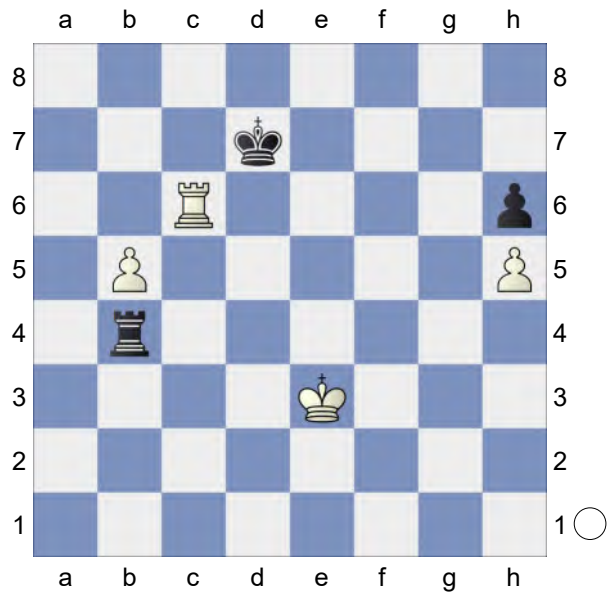
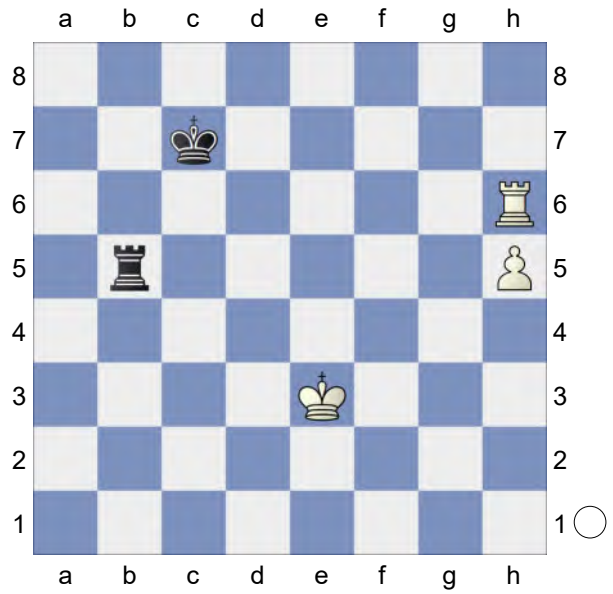


57.Rb6!

[Of course not 57.Rxh6?! Rxb5 58.Rh8 Ke6=]

57...Kc7 58.Rxh6 Rxb5



59.Rh8! Kb7 60.Ke4 Rc5

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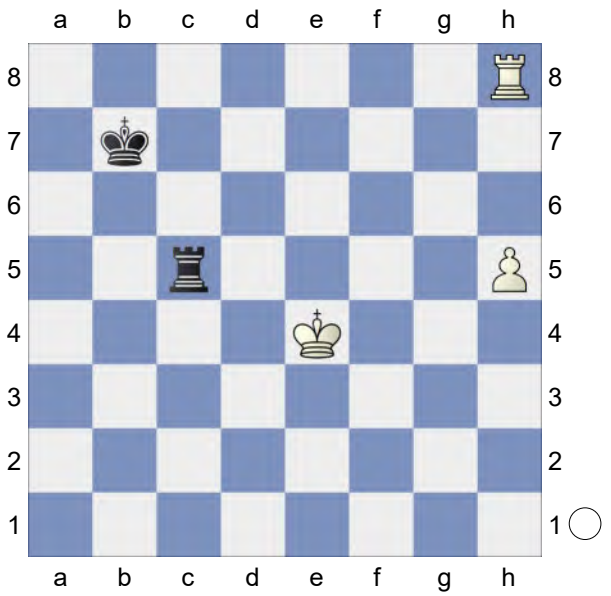


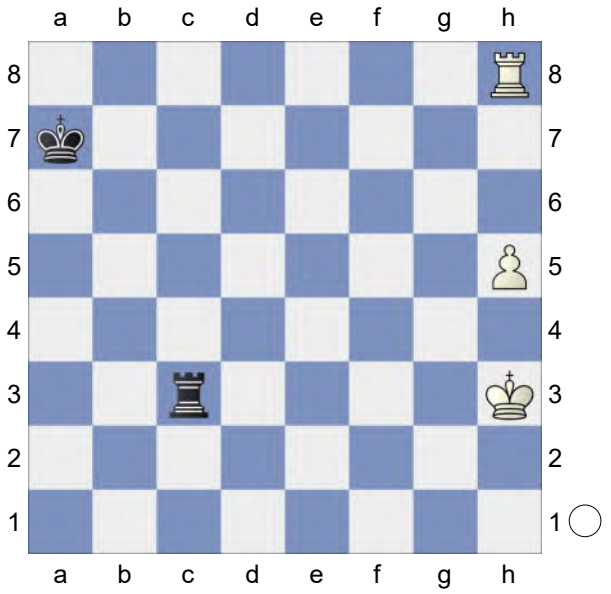
61.Kf4 Ka7 62.Kg4

[Don't do 62.h6 Rc4+ 63.Kg3 Rc3+ 64.Kg2 Rc2+ 65.Kf3 Rc6+-]

62...Rc4+ 63.Kg5 Rc5+ 64.Kg4 0.01/25

[Better is 64.Kg6± 1.26/28 Rc6+ 65.Kg7]

64...Rc4+= 65.Kh3 Rc3+



66.Kg4 0.01/25

[66.Kg2± 1.41/28]

66...Rc4+

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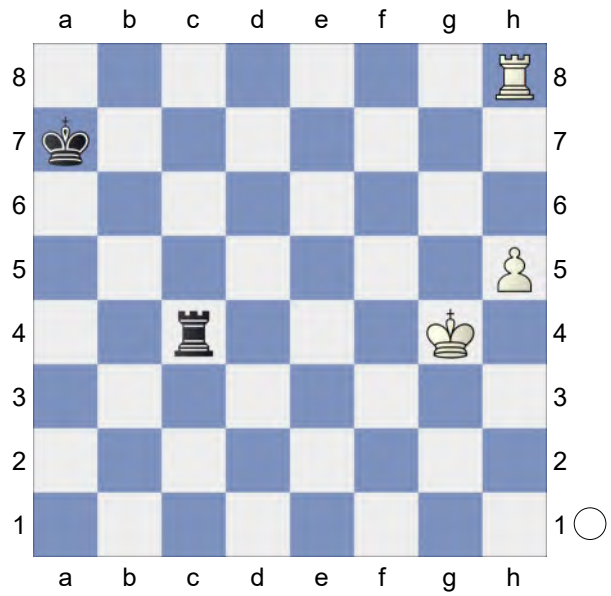

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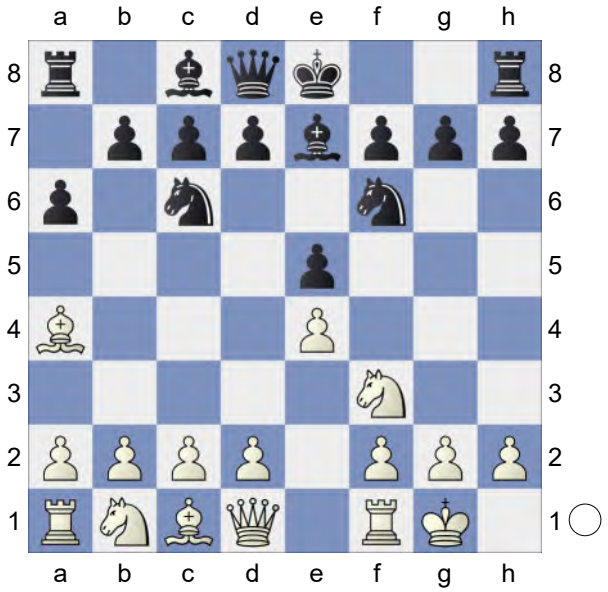
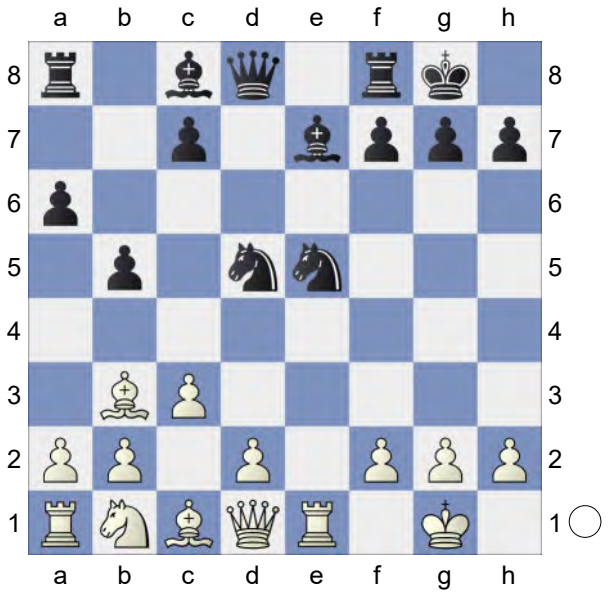
½-½

78 **C89**
□ **Ben Ari,Yannay** **2453**
■ **Nemitz,Alfred** **2268**
35th International Chess Festival CRAC..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

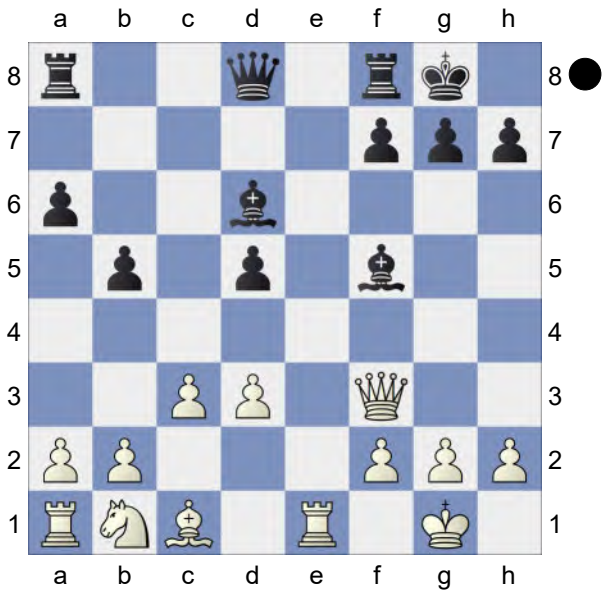


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

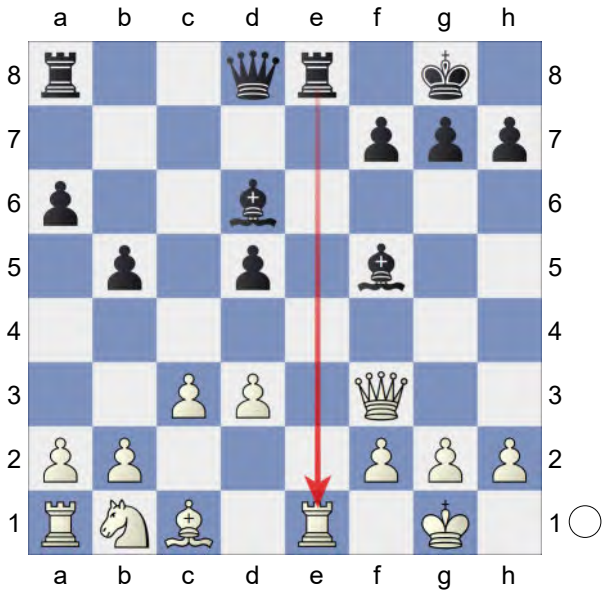


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5

13...Bf5 is better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 ist besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Bxd5**
[14.Qf3 Qf6 *(14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3* Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest 2024 ½-½ *)* 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 d4 18.cxd4 Rad8 19.Nc3 Rxd4 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxe4 Rxd3 23.a4 Rfd8 24.g3 R3d4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.axb5 axb5 27.Re1 Rd2 28.b3 Rb2 Polgar,J (2705)-Aronian,L (2815) London ENG 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (34)]
14...cxd5 15.Qf3



Re8N
[15...Qd7 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Bg6 21.Re1 b4 22.Nf3 bxc3 23.Qxc3 Qa4 24.a3 h6 25.h3 Bf5 26.Qc5 Qc4 27.Rc1 Qf4 28.Qe3 Qd6 ½-½ (28) Konstantinopolsky,A-Abramov,L USSR 1948 Corr Nr. 1 [Konstantinopolsky, FS 92:195A]]



16.Be3 Black has an edge. **16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qc7N**

[17...Bg6 18.Bf4 Black must now prevent Rxe8+. Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bf8 20.Re5 f6 0.41/20 *(20...Qa5=* 0.07/21 *)* 21.Rxd5± Qe8 22.a3 Rc8 23.Qe3 -0.01/23 *(23.Be3±* 0.48/20 is more appropriate.*)* 23...Bf7 0.41/18 1-0 Hammer,J (2441)-Moradiabadi,E (2506) Reykjavik op 23rd 2008 (3) *(23...Qf7=* -0.01/23 *24.Qd4 Qe8)*]

[Don't do 17...Qh4 18.g3 Qd8 19.Bd4± *(19.Qxd5 Bf8±)*]

18.Bd4 Bxh2+ 0.31/5 A strong pair of Bishops.

[18...Bg6= -0.10/19 was preferrable.]

19.Kh1± Be4 20.Nxe4 dxe4

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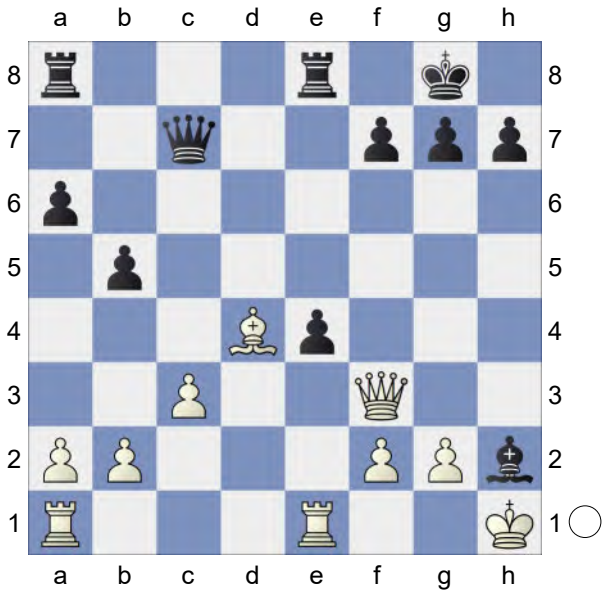
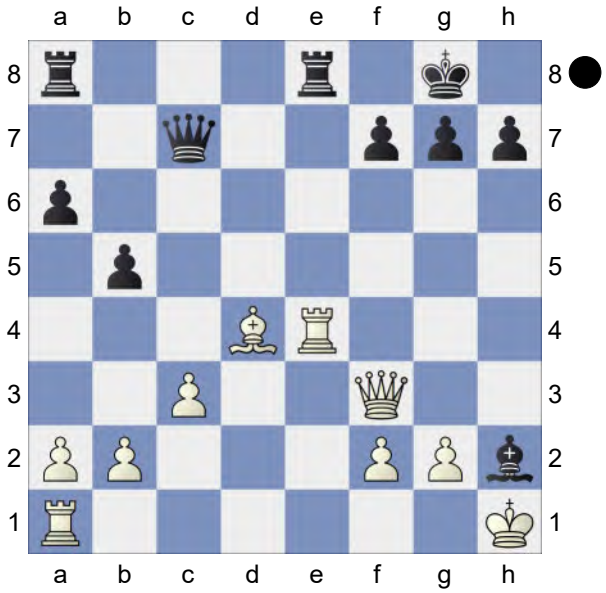
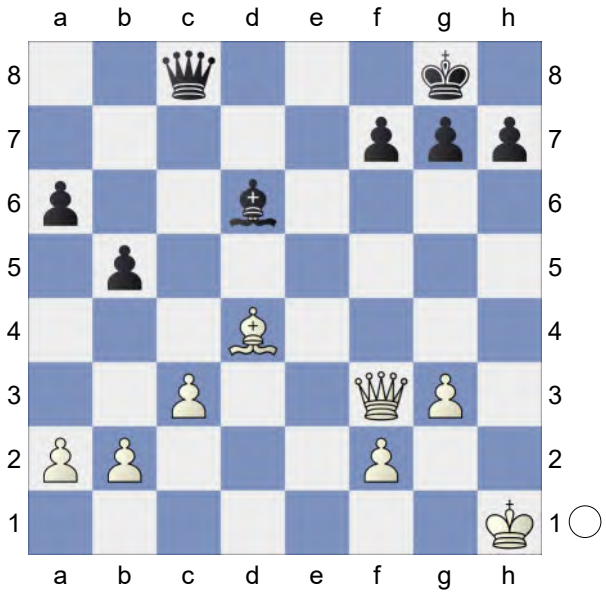


21.Rxe4

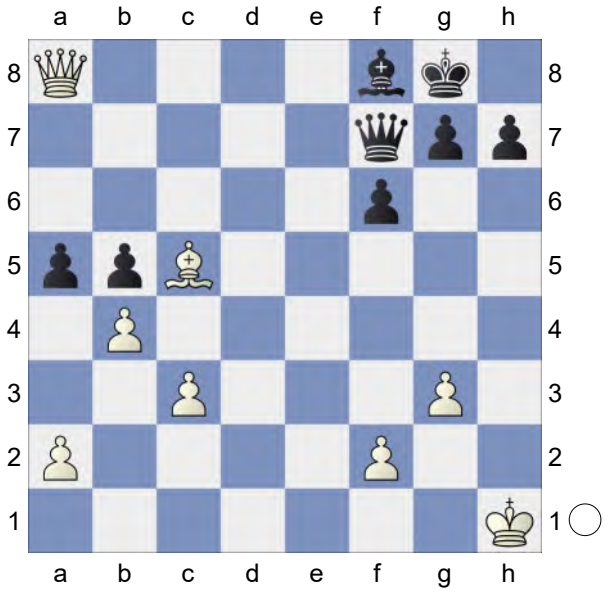


aiming for Rae1. **21...Bd6 22.Rae1 Qc6 23.Rxe8+!→** White attacks. **23...Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.g3 Qc8**

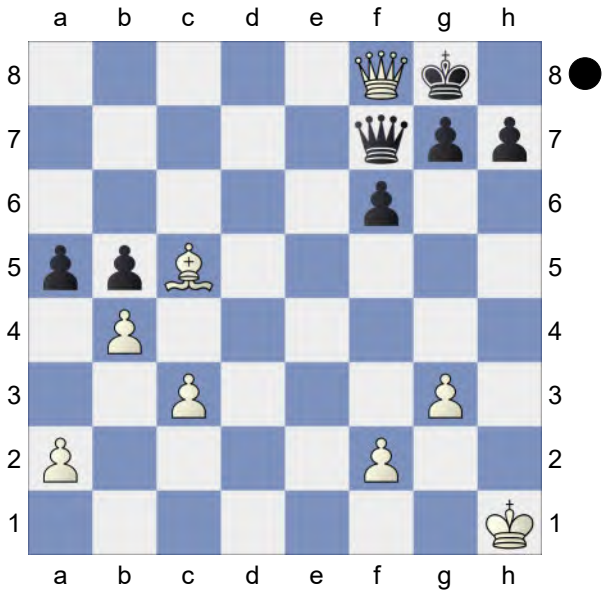
(Diagram)



26.Qd5 Bf8 27.b3 &Bianco is more active. **27...Qc7** 1.04/24
[27...Qb8± 0.57/21]
28.Qa8± a5 2.07/23
[28...Qe7± 0.97/22 was called for.]
29.b4+- f6? 9.91/24
[29...axb4 2.02/22 30.cxb4 Qc1+ 31.Kg2 h6]
30.Bc5 Qf7



31.Qxf8+ 4.82/5
[⌓31.Bxf8 10.35/26 Qc4 32.Bc5+ Kf7 33.Qf8+ Kg6 34.Qe8+ Kf5 35.Kh2]



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79 **C89**
□ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2690**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2637**
Bucharest Grand Prix op rapid (9)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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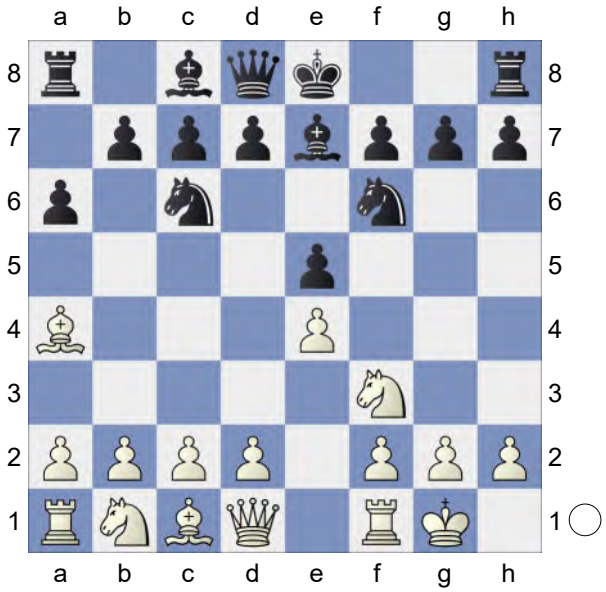
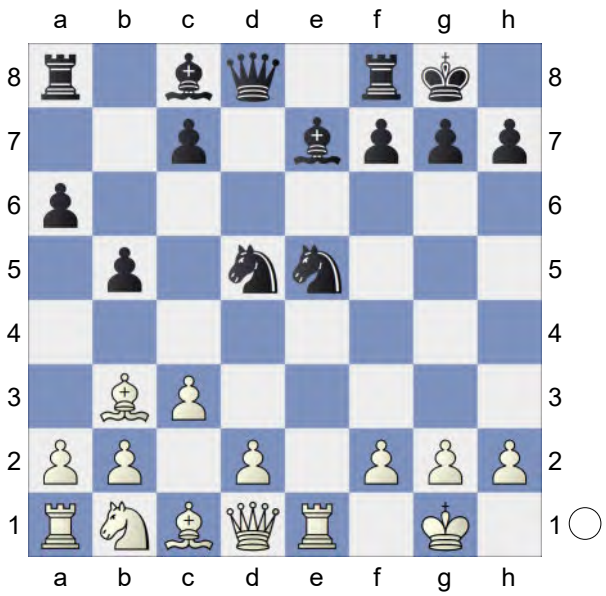
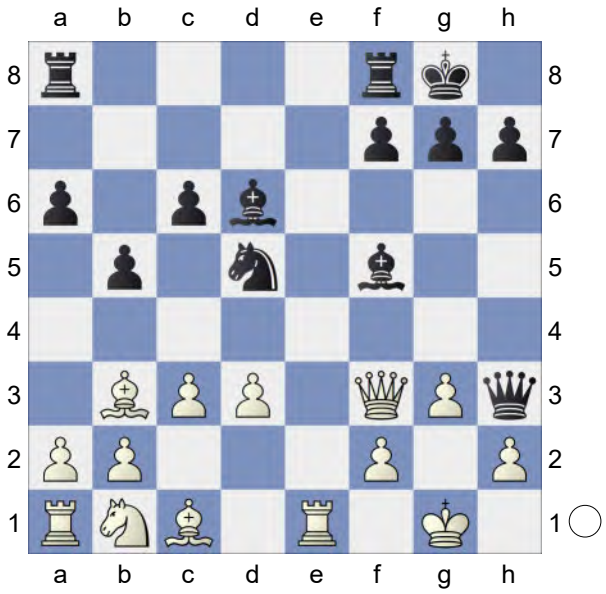


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

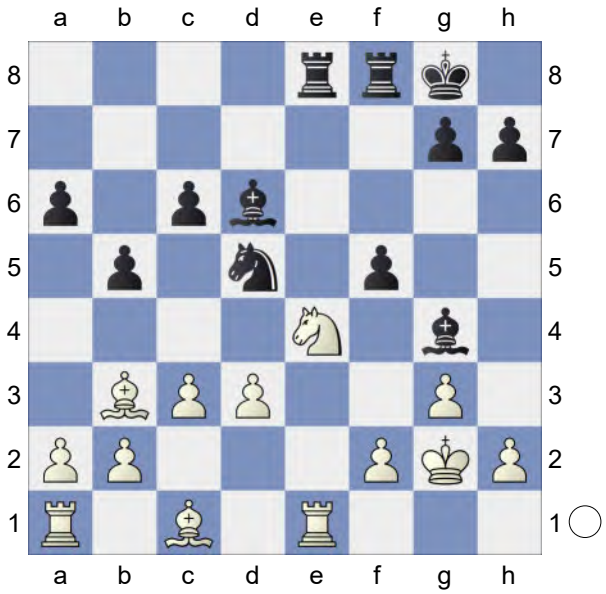


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!

13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Reject 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Nd2 Rae8 White is slightly better.
17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ -0.33/5
[18...Qh5= 0.23/22]
19.Kxg2∓ f5



20.Bf4! Bxf4

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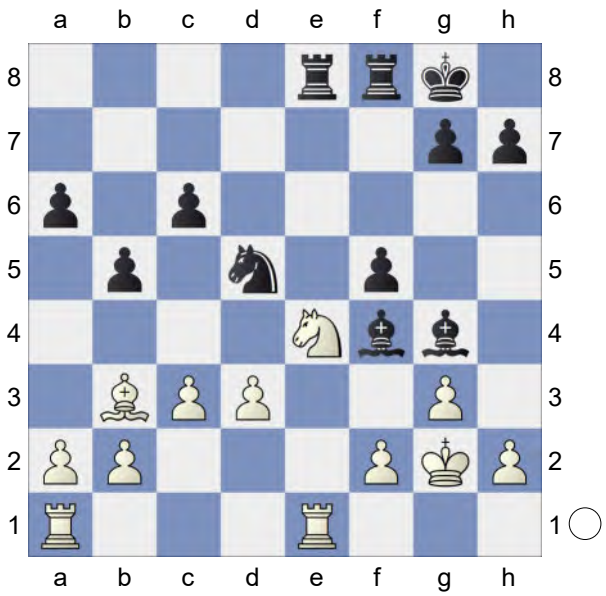
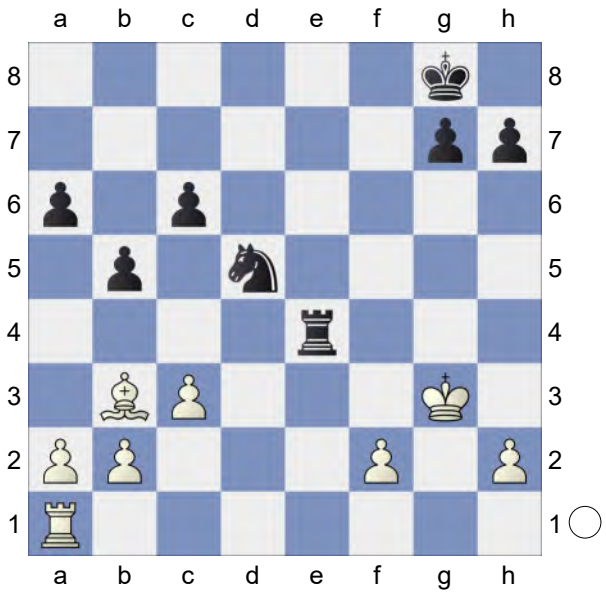


21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**

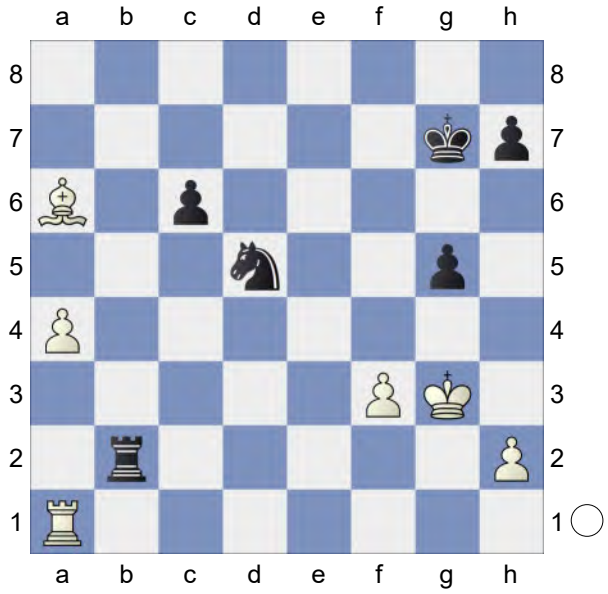


Endgame KRB-KRN **26.f3 Re2N** 0.60/23

[26...Re6= 0.15/23 is superior.]

[26...Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1 Rg5+ *(29...Kf8 30.Bxd5 Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2 35.a4 Kf7 36.Kf5 g6+ 37.Ke5 Re2+ 38.Kf4 h5 39.Ra7+* ½-½ (39) Levano Loayza,A (2735)-Wohl,R (2738) Sverige (ch) 153/8 2005 CBM 003 [Kozlov]*)* 30.Kf2 Rh5 *(30...Kf8 31.Bd3 Rh5 32.Kg3 Rg5+ 33.Kf2 Rh5 34.Kg3* ½-½ (34) Petrosyan,M (2604)-Sargissian,G (2686) Douglas 2023*)* 31.Bb3 a4 32.Bxa4 Rxh2+ 33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Bb3 Kf8 35.Rxc6 Nb4 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Ra8 g5 38.Ra7+ Kf6 39.Rf7+ Ke5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Re6+ Naiditsch,A (2626)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2670) Pori Barcares 2005 EXT 2015 [Primel,Dominique] ½-½ (41)]

27.c4± bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxb2 29.Bxa6 g5 30.a4 Kg7



31.h4 0.33/20

[31.a5± 0.76/23]

31...Kf6 32.Bf1N next a5 is good for White.

[Vorgänger: 32.a5 -0.01/18 32.hxg5+ 0.36 Nf4! 33.Bf1! Against Rg2+. Black must now prevent a6. Kf5! 34.Bh3+ ½-½ Sherwood,R (2367)-Visloguzov,V (2375) olm22 sf05 email 2020 [6]]

32...Ne3 33.Bd3 Nf5+ 34.Bxf5 Kxf5 35.hxg5 Kxg5=

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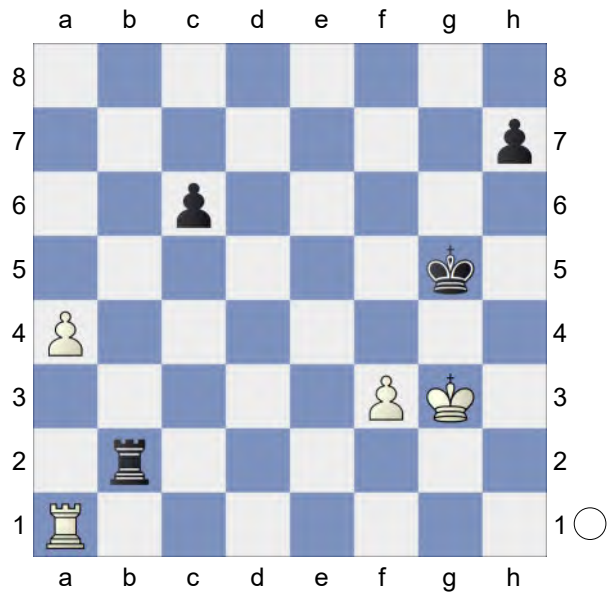
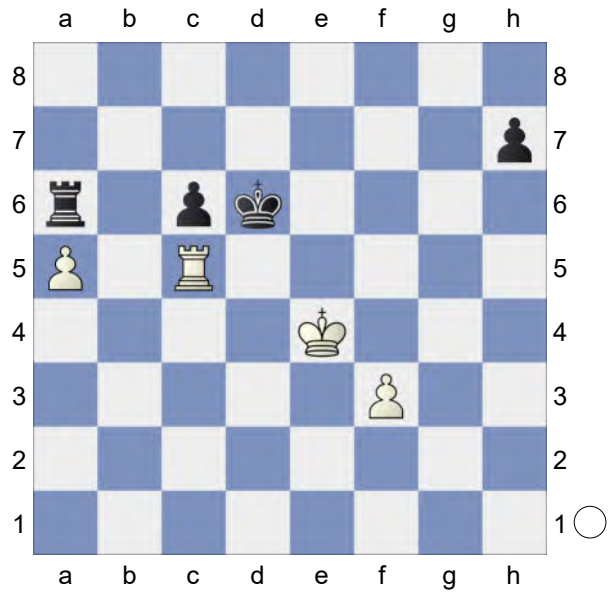


KR-KR **36.Rc1 Rb6** 0.69/25
[⌓36...Ra2 0.34/27]
37.Rc5+!± Kf6 38.a5 Ra6 39.Kf4 Ke6 40.Ke4 Kd6



41.Rh5 Ra7

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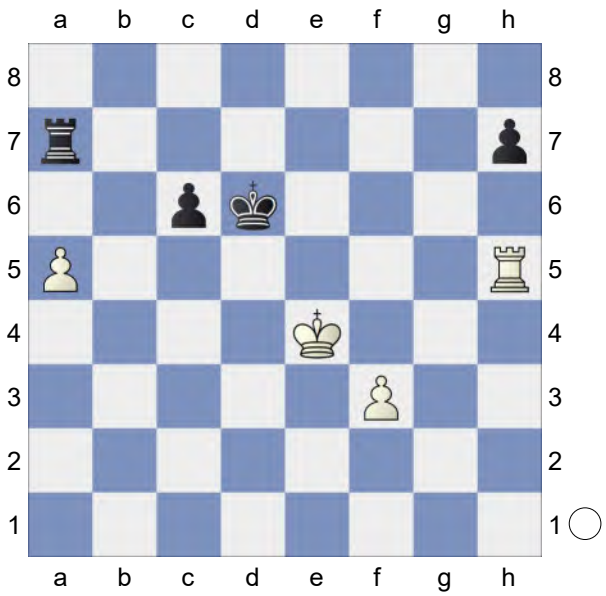
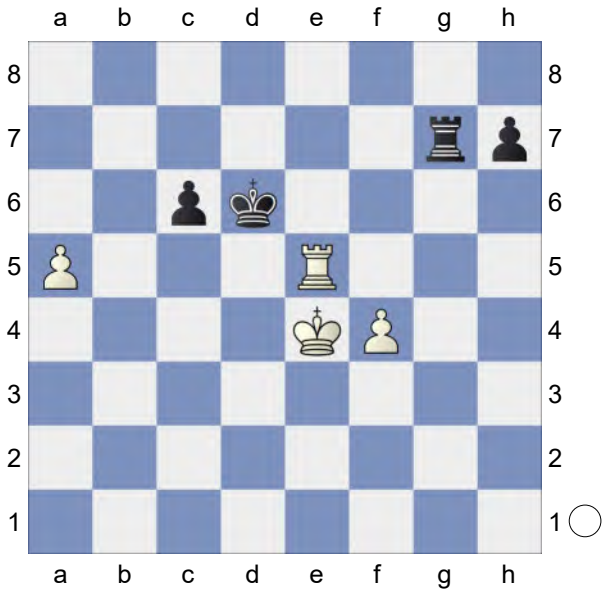


42.f4! Re7+ 1.81/23
[42...Ra8± 0.59/21]
43.Re5? 0.01/23
[43.Kd4+- 1.81/23]
43...Rg7 0.85/20
[43...Rb7!= 0.01/23]



44.a6 0.01/24
[44.Rf5!± 0.85/20]
44...Ra7= 45.Ra5 h5

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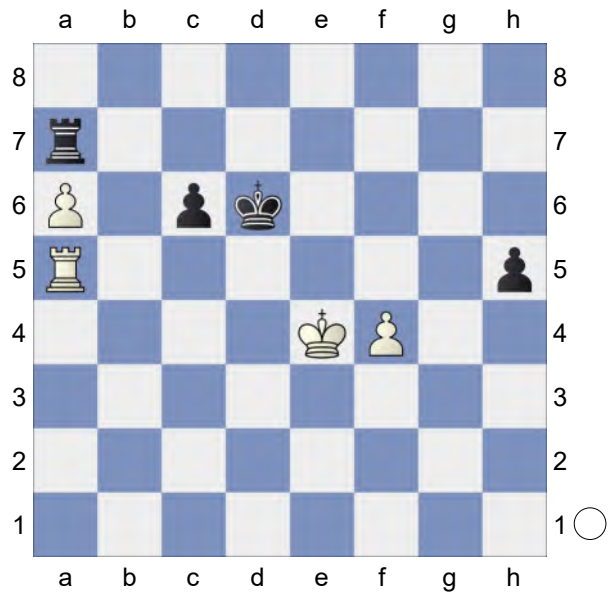
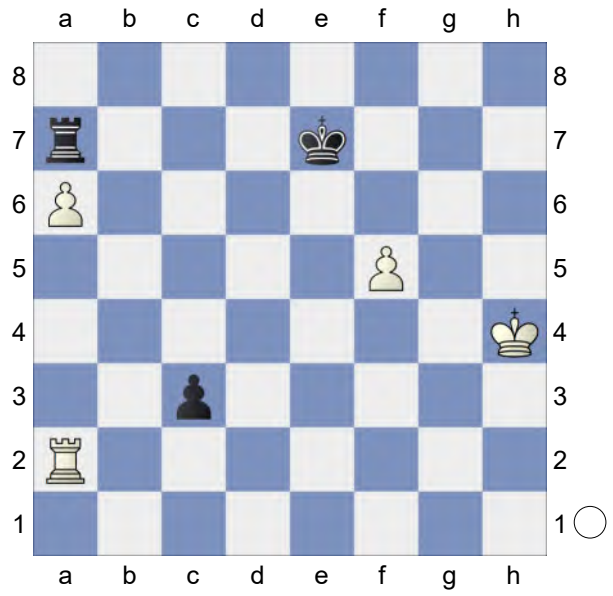


46.f5 h4 47.Kf4 And now Kg4 would win. **47...c5 48.Kg4 c4 49.Kxh4** aiming for Kg5. **49...c3 50.Ra2 Ke7**



51.Kg5 Hoping for Kg6. **51...Kf7**
[51...c2? 52.f6+ Kd7 53.Rxc2 Rxa6 54.Kg6+-]
52.Rc2 Rxa6 53.Rxc3 Rb6 54.Rc7+ Kf8 55.Rh7 Ra6

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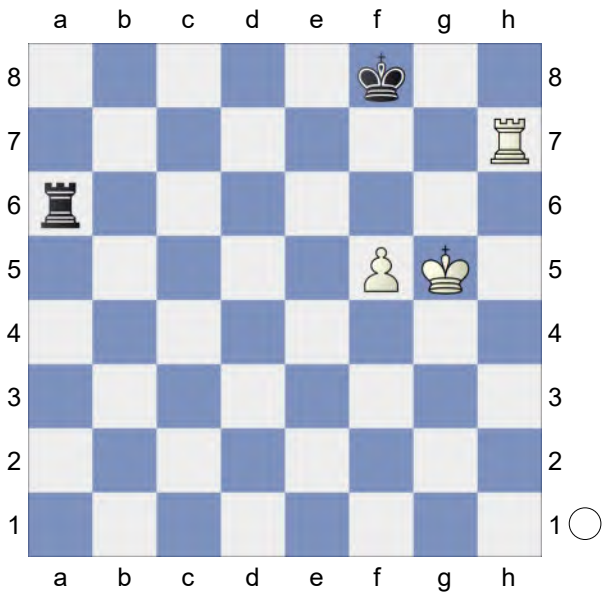
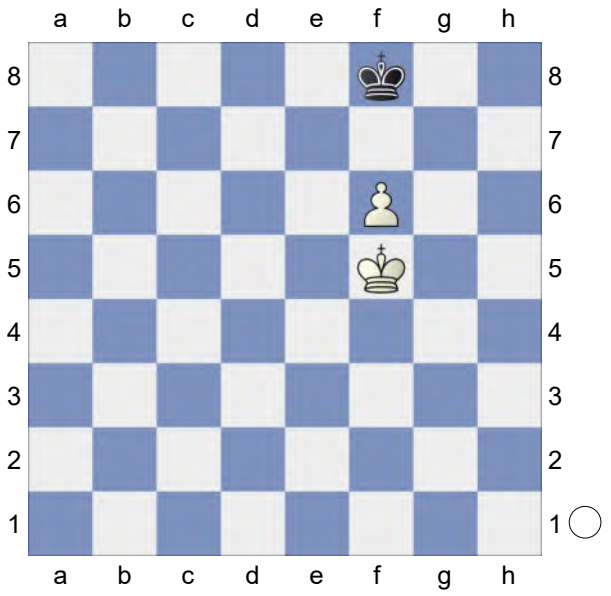


The position is equal. **56.Rh6 Rxh6 57.Kxh6** KP-K **57...Kf7 58.Kg5 Kg7 59.f6+ Kf7 60.Kf5 Kf8**



61.Kg6 Threatening mate with f7. **61...Kg8 62.f7+ Kf8 63.Kf6**

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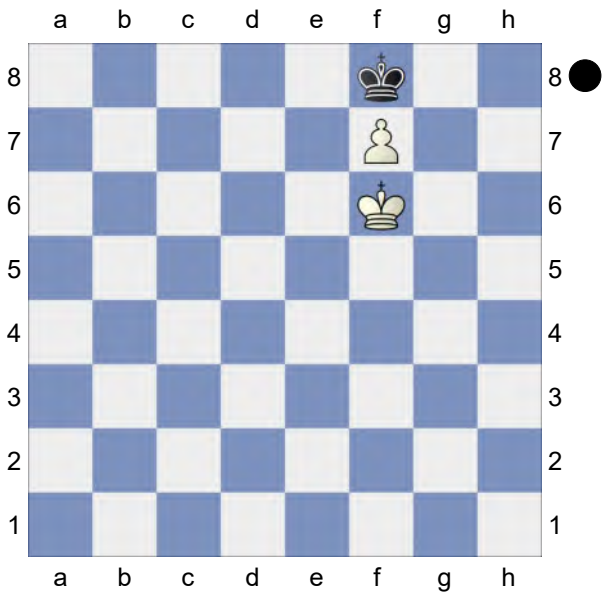

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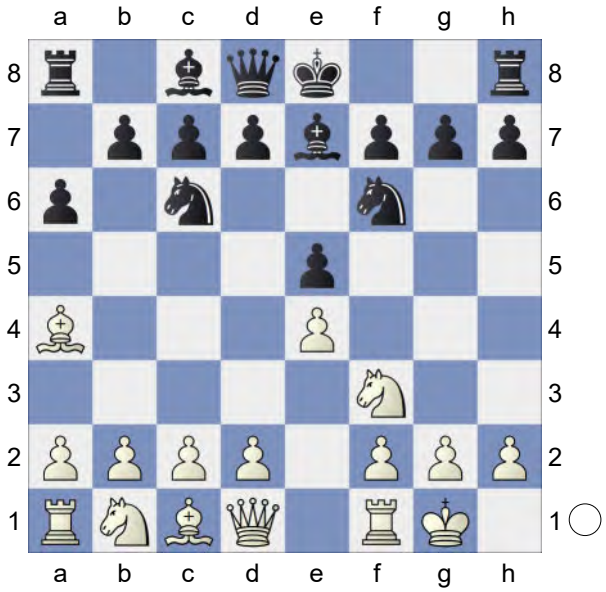
½-½

80 **C89**
□ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** **2650**
■ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2695**
Bundesliga 2324 (9.2) 23.02.2024
[KittybKat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Blatny,Pavel: 'RR: 'Inf 70/(333)'' Adla, Diego Gustavo: 'Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402'' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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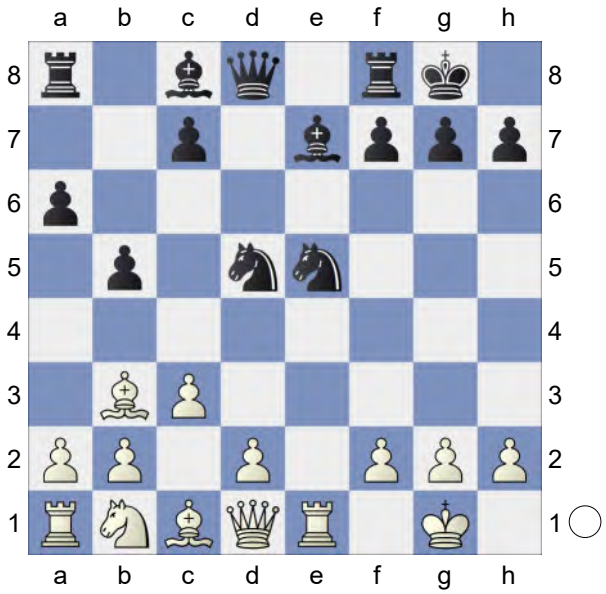


11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 b4 15.cxb4N

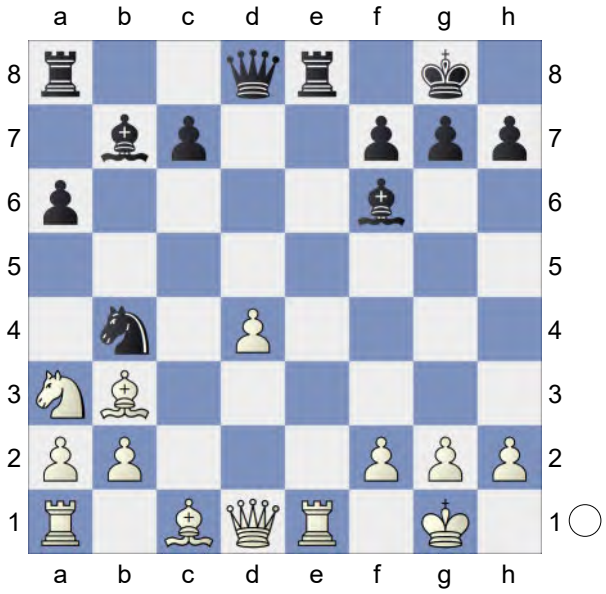
[15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5

A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)* 17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);

B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8 18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF

Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]

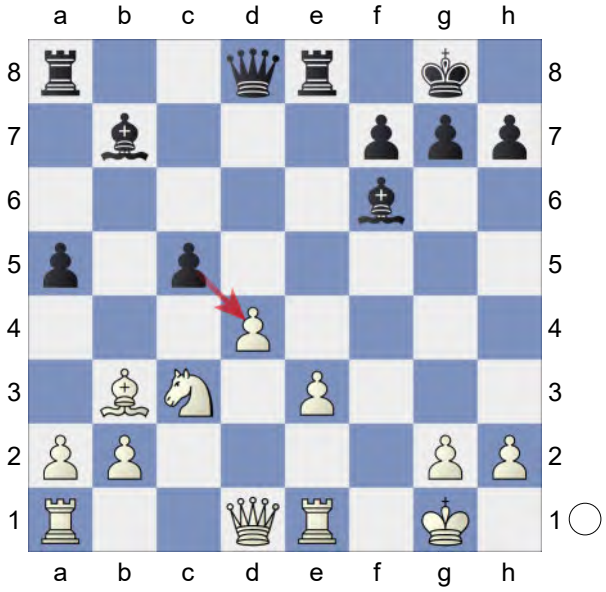
15...Nxb4



16.Be3 a5 17.Nb5

[17.Qh5 Qd7=]

17...Nd5 18.Nc3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 c5



20.Bxf7+! Kxf7

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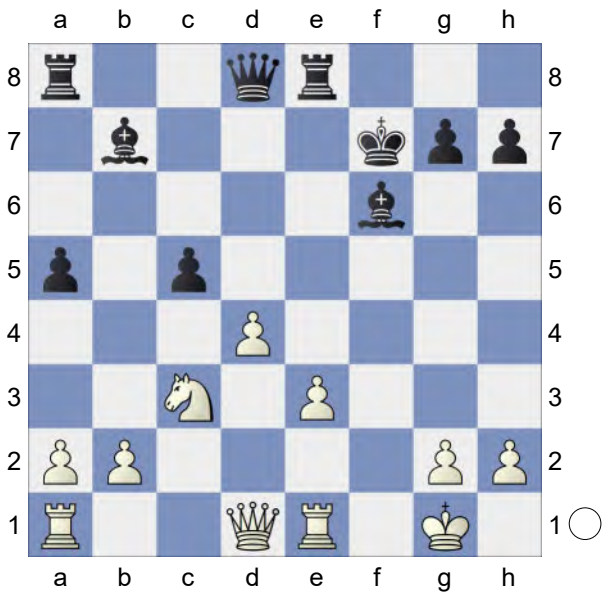

21.Qb3+ Kf8!

[Don't play 21...Kg6 22.Qxb7 cxd4 23.Nd5±]

22.Qxb7 cxd4 23.Nd5 0.01/21

[23.exd4± 0.41/21 is superior. Qxd4+ 24.Kh1]

23...Rb8= 24.Qc6 aiming for Nc7.

24...Kg8 0.85/20

[24...dxe3= -0.01/19 25.Nc7 *(25.Nxe3 Bxb2 26.Rf1+ Kg8=; 25.Rxe3 Bd4∓)* 25...e2]

25.Nxf6+ gxf6 1.25/22

[⌓25...Qxf6 0.82/23 26.Qc4+ Kh8]

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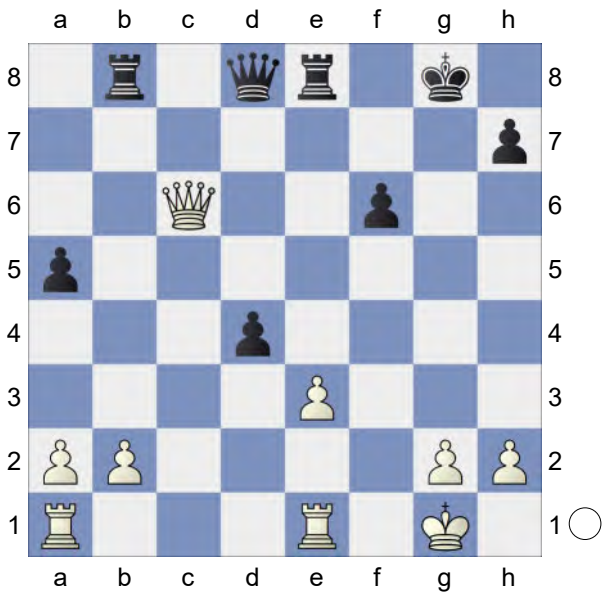
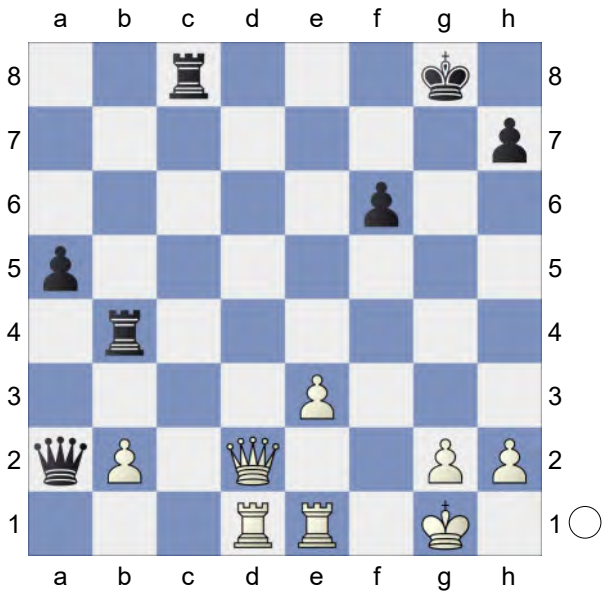


26.Rad1 Qb6 27.Qd5+ Qe6 28.Qxd4 Rb4 29.Qc3 Rc8 30.Qd2 Qxa2

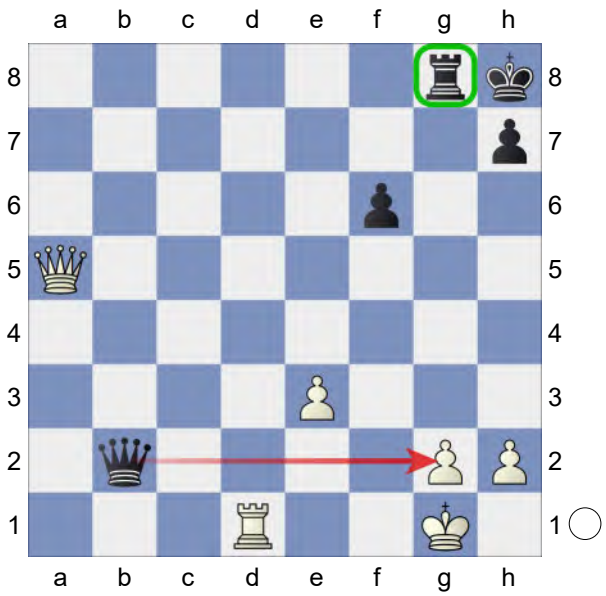


31.Qd7 Rf8 32.Re2 0.77/20 &Bianco is more active.

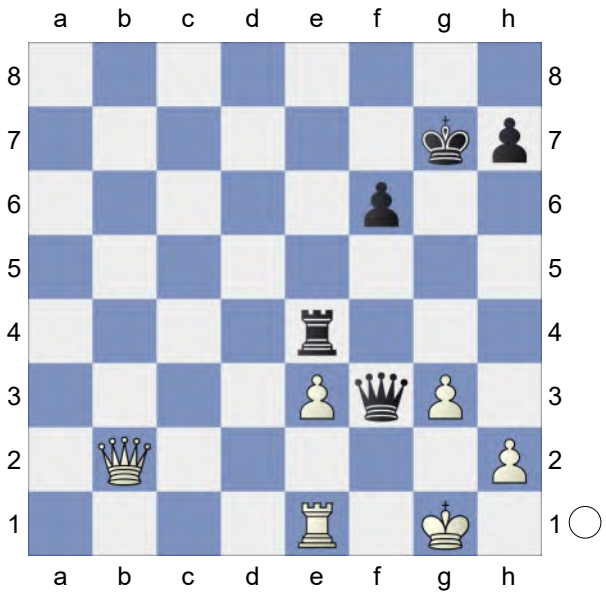
[⌓32.Qh3 1.27/19 Hoping for Rd7. Rb7 33.Rd2]

32...Rxb2± 33.Rxb2 Qxb2 Endgame KQR-KQR **34.Qd5+ Kh8 35.Qxa5 Rg8**

(Diagram)

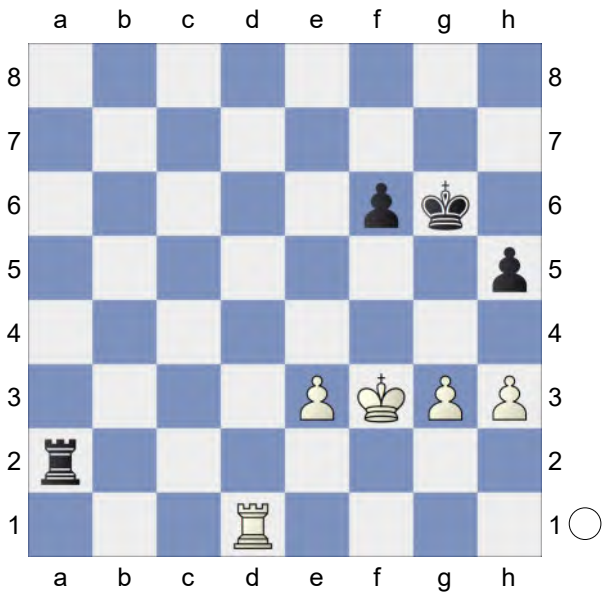


36.g3 Qe2 37.Re1 Qf3 38.Qd2 Re8 39.Qd4 Re4 40.Qb2 Kg7

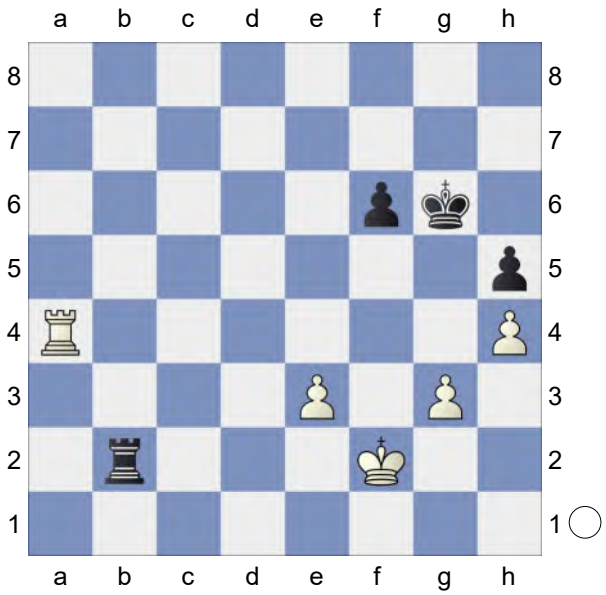


41.Qf2 Qxf2+ 42.Kxf2± KR-KR **42...Ra4 43.Kf3 h5 44.Rd1 Ra2 45.h3 Kg6**

(Diagram)



46.Rd4 Rh2 47.Ra4 Rh1 48.Kg2 Re1 49.Kf2 Rb1 50.h4 Rb2+



51.Kf3 Rh2 52.Ra5 Rh1 53.Kg2 Re1 54.Kf3 -0.01/28

[54.Kf2± 0.60/28 Rb1 55.Rd5]

54...Rh1!= 55.Kg2 -0.01/29 Inhibits Rg1+.

[55.Rc5± 0.60/26]

55...Re1

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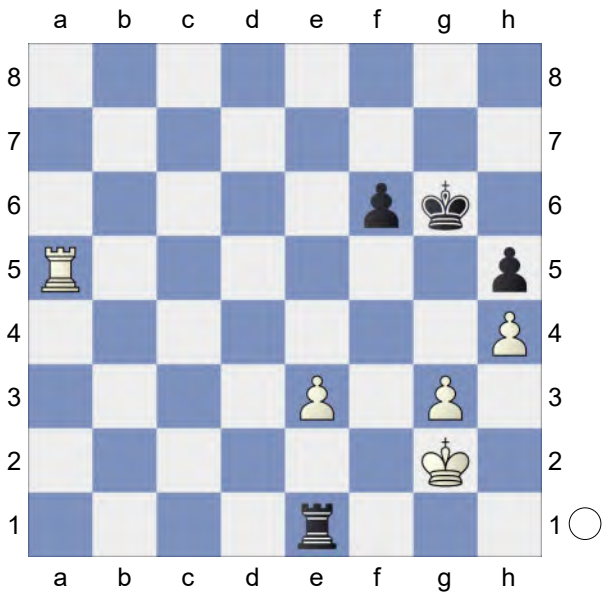
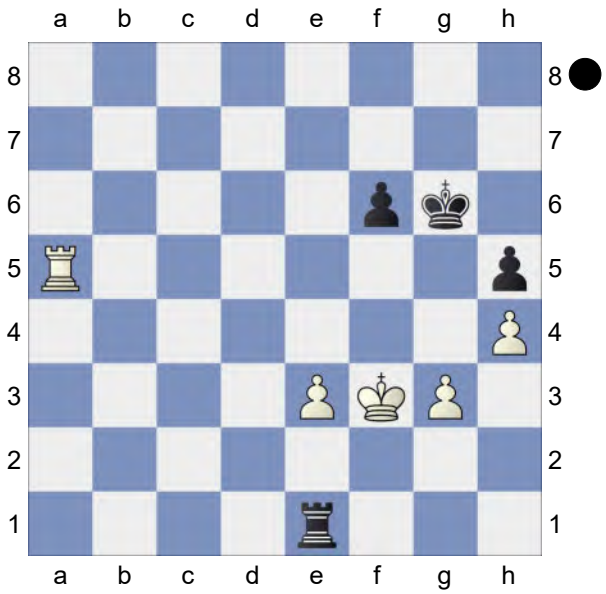


56.Kf3 -0.01/39

[White should play 56.Ra3± 0.60/28]



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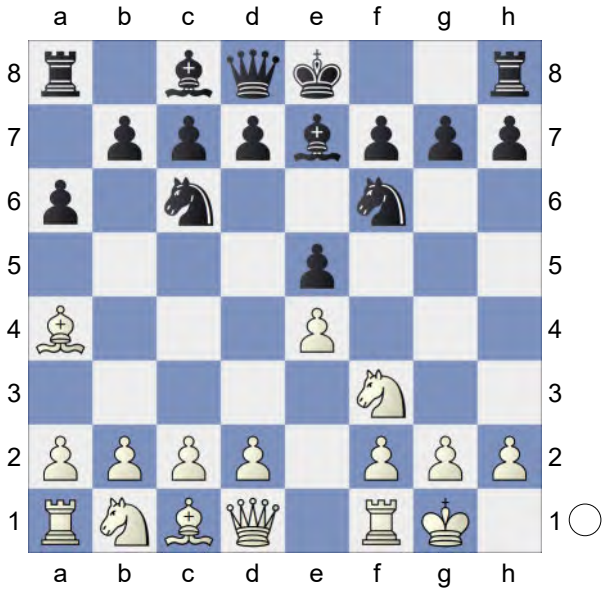
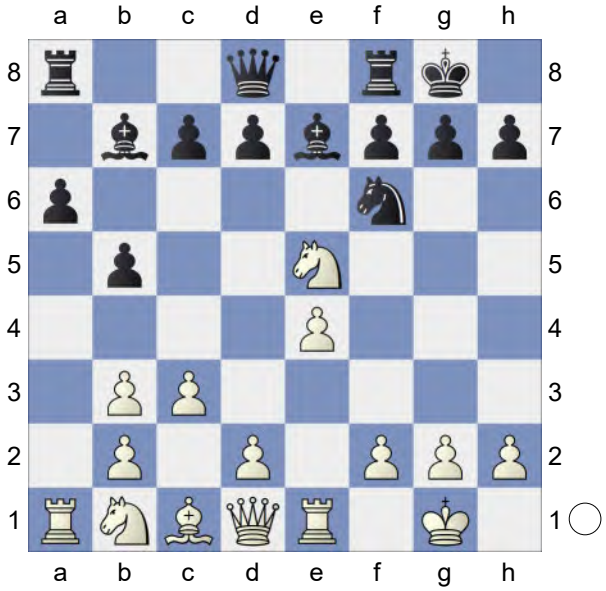
½-½

81 **C89**
□ **Mammadzada,Gunay Vuqar Qizi**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2455**
Swiss Queens Wed #4 blitz (10) 21.2.24
[Kitty Kat]

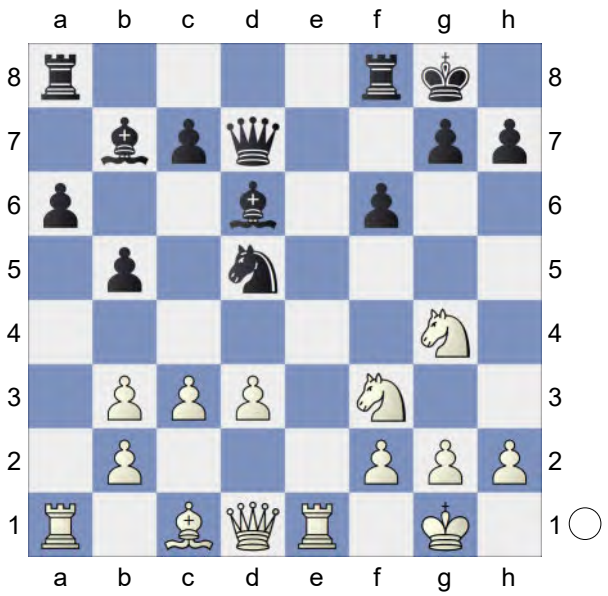
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



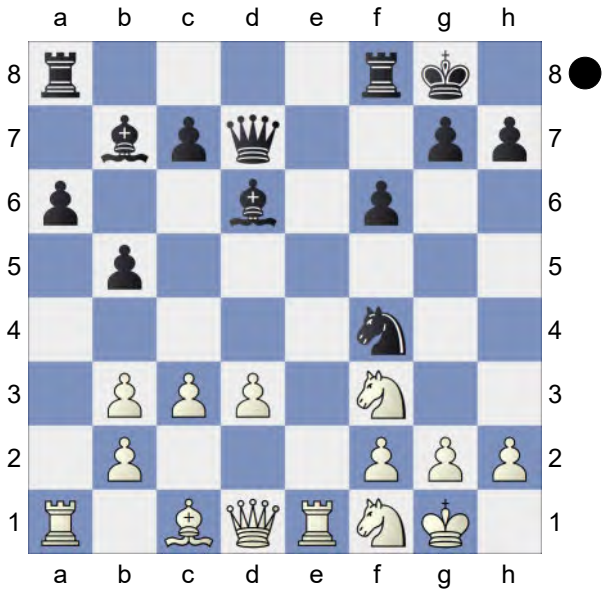
6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bb2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Rc2 c5 24.bxc5* ½-½ Mammadova,G (2336)-Vidic,T (2128) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (4.12)*)* 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 8.a4 is more advanced technology. 8.a4 ist hochmodern. **8...Na5 9.Nxe5 Nxb3! 10.axb3** Threatening d2-d4. **10...Bb7!**



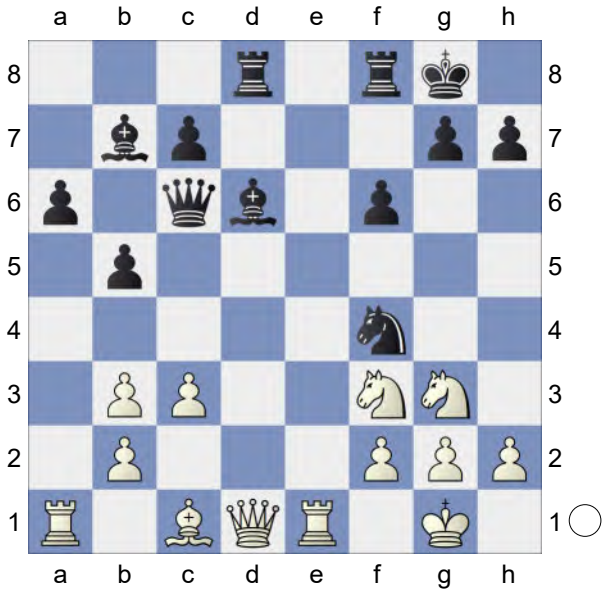
11.d3 White is slightly better. **11...d5 12.exd5 Nxd5** 0.53/21
[12...Qxd5= -0.08/22 13.Qf3 Rfe8]
13.Nd2N 0.01/20
[Vorgänger: 13.d4!± 0.53/21 f6 0.84/21 *(13...Re8± 0.36/19* feels stronger.*)* 14.Nd3± Re8 15.Nd2 Bf8 16.Nf1 Rxe1 17.Qxe1 Qd7 18.Nf4 0.00/21 *(18.b4± 0.78/20)* 18...Re8 0.41/21 *(18...Nxf4= 0.00/21 19.Bxf4 Qd5)* 19.Qd1 1-0 Michalik,P (2568)-Karjakin,S (2743) Wch Blitz Warsaw 2021 (17)]
13...Bd6 0.65/20
[Black should play 13...c5= 0.01/20]
14.Ndf3 -0.01/21
[White should try 14.d4± 0.65/20]
14...f6= 15.Ng4 Qd7
(Diagram)



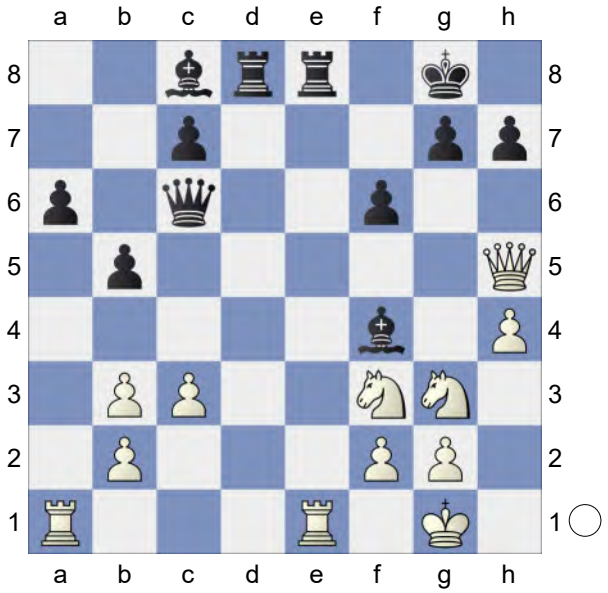
16.Ne3 Nf4 ...Nf4xd3! would now be deadly. **17.Nf1?** -2.38/21
[17.d4!= -0.01/19 and White has nothing to worry.]



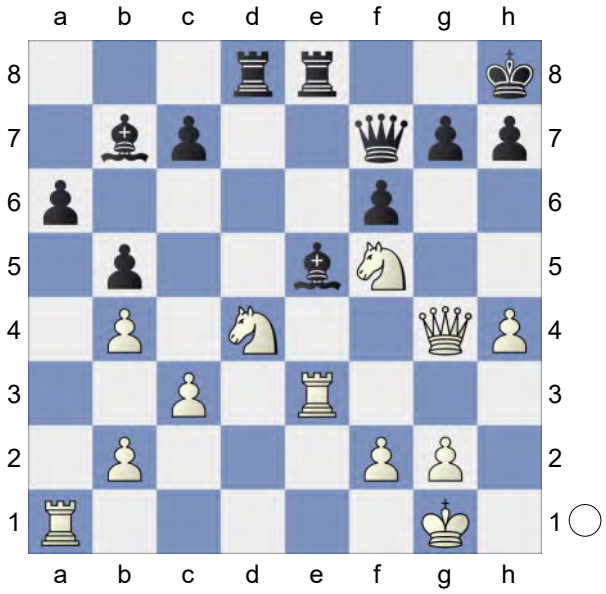
17...Nxd3!-+ 18.Re3 Nf4 Hoping for ... Nf4-h3+! **19.Ng3?** -4.48/21
[19.Bd2 -2.68/20]
19...Rad8 -2.47/20
[⌓19...Nxg2 -4.48/21 20.Kxg2 f5]
20.Re1 -3.69/22
[⌓20.b4 -2.47/20]
20...Qc6? -0.33/23
[20...Nxg2-+ -3.69/22 21.Kxg2 f5]



21.Bxf4∓ Bxf4 22.Qc2 Rfe8 23.Qf5 Bh6 24.h4 -0.47/20
[24.Qh3!= 0.08/20]
24...Bc8 0.01/22
[24...g6∓ -0.47/20 should be considered. 25.Qg4 Bc8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
25.Qh5
[25.Rxe8+ simplifies Rxe8 26.Nd4 Bxf5 27.Nxc6 Be6 28.Nd4]
25...Bf4

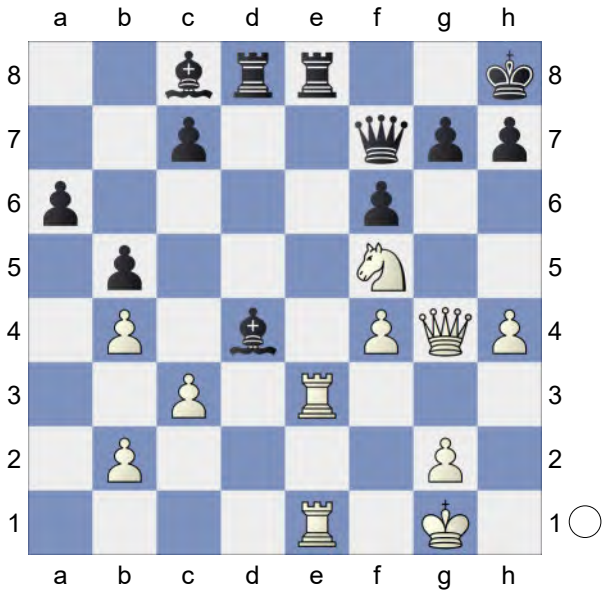


White must now prevent ...Re8xe1+.
26.Nd4 Qd7 27.b4 Bb7 28.Ngf5 Be5→ aiming for ...g7-g6. Black is up to no good. This pair of bishops is nice.
29.Re3? -3.48/22
[29.Qg4= -0.18/23 Kh8 30.Ne3]
29...Qf7? 0.01/23
[29...g6-+ -3.48/22 30.Qg4 Bc8 *(30...Bxd4 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Nxd4±)* 31.Nh6+ Kg7]
30.Qg4
[30.Qxf7+ simplifies Kxf7 31.Nb3 Bc8 32.Nfd4]
30...Kh8 0.22/21
[⌓30...Qg6 -0.25/24 31.Qh3 h5]

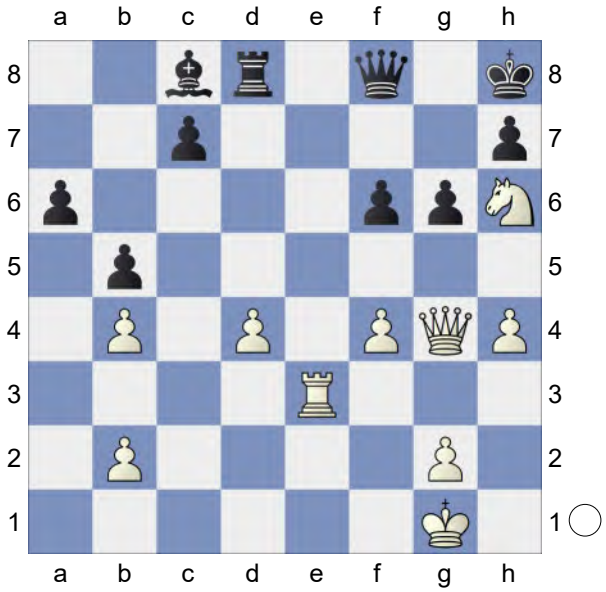


31.Rae1= With the idea h4-h5.
31...Bc8? 1.97/22
[31...g6= 0.16/22 32.Ng3 Kg8]
32.f4?? -4.84/25
[32.Nc6+- 1.97/22]
32...Bxd4-+

(Diagram)

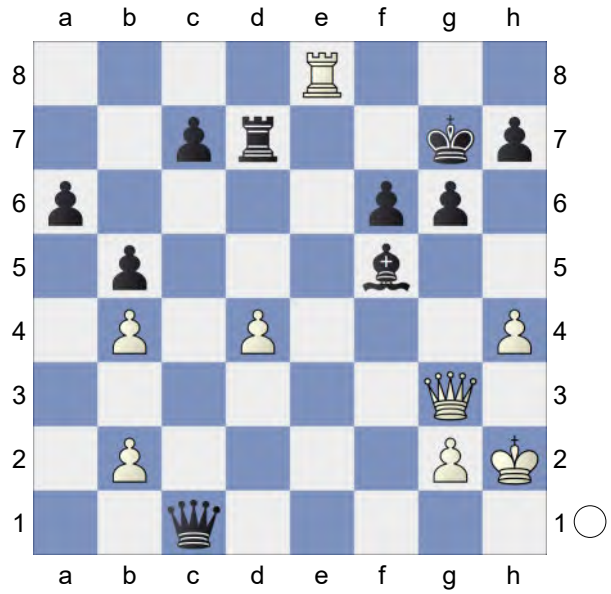


D i s c o v e r e d A t t a c k **33.cxd4**
White threatens Re3xe8+ and mate.
33...Rxe3 34.Rxe3 g6 35.Nh6 Qf8

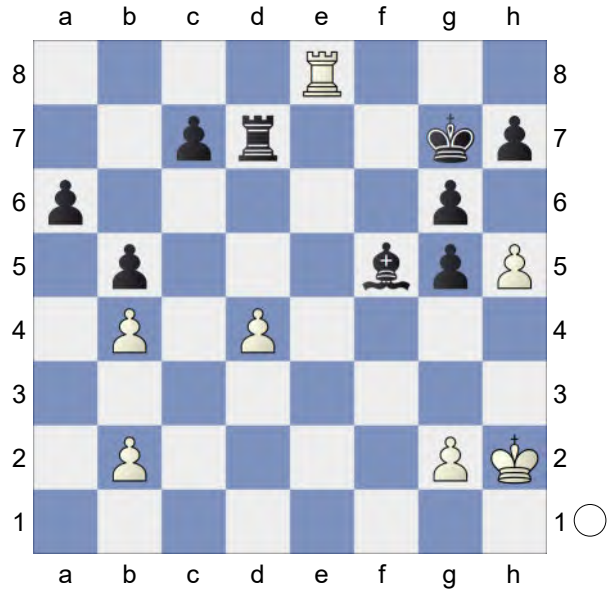


36.f5? -5.13/20
[36.Qe2 -2.77/22 Kg7 *(36...Qxh6? 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Qxe8+ Kg7 39.Qxc8-+)* 37.g4 Kxh6 38.g5+ Kg7 39.Re7+ Kg8 40.d5]
36...Qxh6 Black is clearly winning.
37.Re7 -8.47/25
[⌓37.Qg3 -4.90/21]
37...Bxf5 38.Qg3 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Rd7
[Not 39...Qxb2 40.Qxc7]

40.Re8+ Kg7



41.h5 Qg5 42.Qxg5 fxg5



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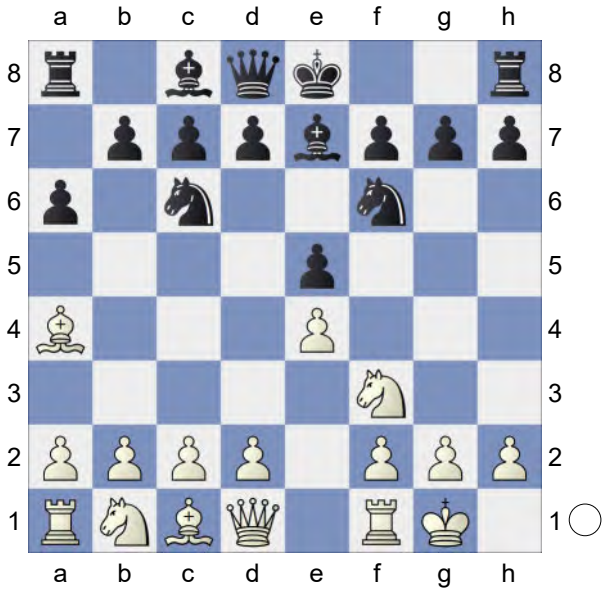
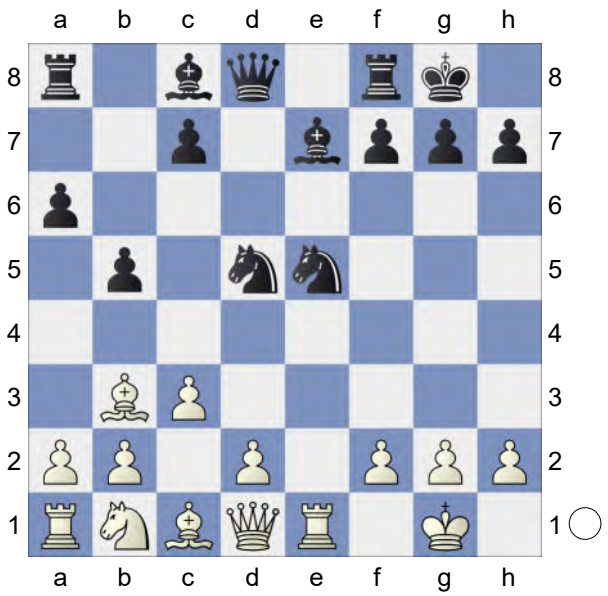
82 **C89**
□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2522**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2390**
Bangalore op 1st (6) 21.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

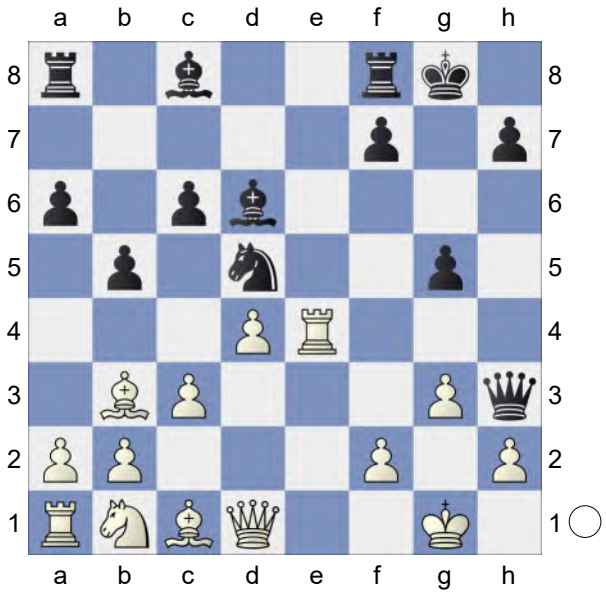
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

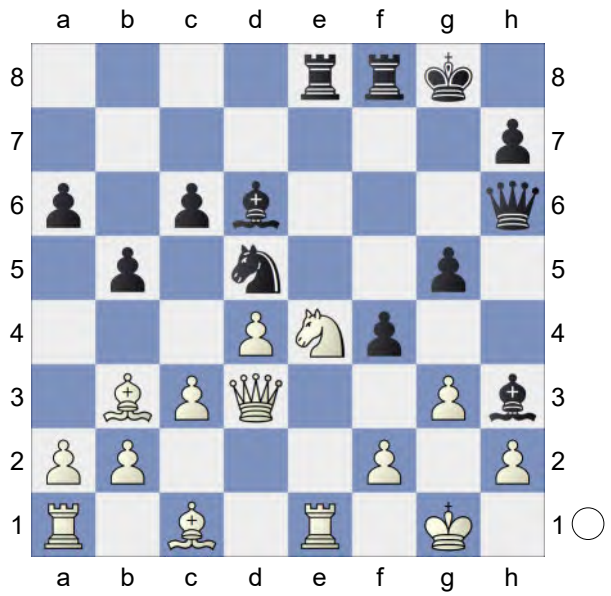


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5!

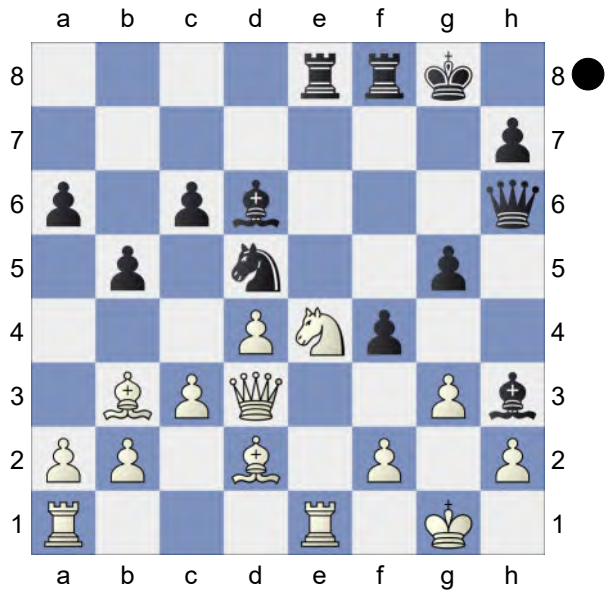


16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5? Qf5 17.Nd2 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5-+]
16...Qh6 0.63/21
[16...Qh5= 0.10/21]
17.Nd2 0.13/21
[White should play 17.Re1!± 0.63/21]
17...f5= 18.Re1 -0.30/20
[⌓18.Re2 0.28/22]
18...f4 Hoping for ...f4xg3. Black has compensation. **19.Ne4** Ne4xd6 would now be deadly. **19...Bh3** **20.Qd3** Black must now prevent Ne4xd6.
20...Rae8

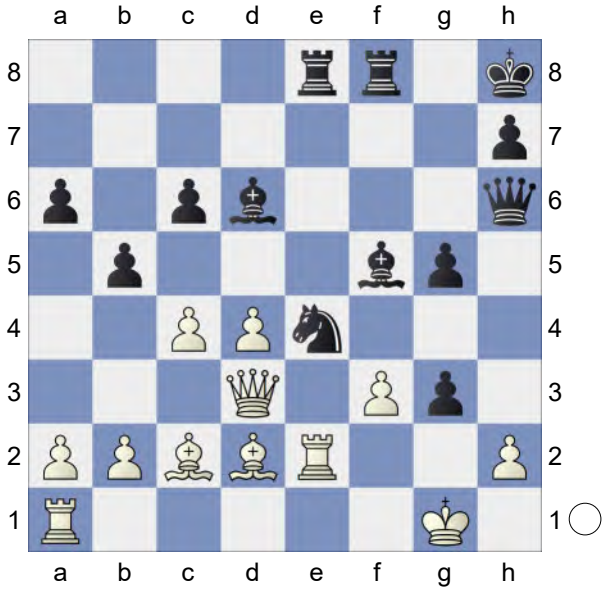
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Bh3-f5. **21.Bd2?** -1.65/21
[21.Qd1!= 0.01/19]



This move loses the game for White.
21...Bf5!-+ ...Qh6-g6 is the strong threat.
22.Bc2 -2.88/20
[22.Qf3∓ -1.48/20 Bxe4 Remove Defender 23.Rxe4 fxg3 Discovered Attack 24.Rxe8 Qxh2+ 25.Kf1 Rxe8 26.Bxd5+ cxd5 27.Qxd5+ Kh8 28.Qg2]
22...Kh8 aiming for ...Nd5-f6. **23.c4N** -5.09/21
[23.Qe2 -2.66/20 Nf6 24.f3 fxg3 25.hxg3 Bxg3 *(25...Nxe4? 26.fxe4 Bxe4 27.Bxe4-+)* 26.Qg2 Nxe4 *(26...Bxe1? 27.Rxe1 Qh4 28.Qh2-+)* 27.Bxe4 Bxe4 *(27...Bxe1? 28.Rxe1 Qh4 29.Re3-+)* 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.fxe4 Bf2+ 30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2]
23...Nf6 24.f3 -6.68/22
[⌓24.Qf3 -4.04/18 Bxe4 *(24...bxc4?* is the wrong capture. *25.Nxd6* Discovered Attack *Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1+-)* 25.Bxe4 fxg3 *(25...bxc4? 26.Bxc6 Rb8 27.Re6+-)* 26.fxg3 Nxe4 Discovered Attack *(26...bxc4?* perishes. *27.Bxc6 Rd8 28.Bc3+-)* 27.Qg2]
24...fxg3 Black is clearly winning.
25.Re2 Nxe4



26.fxe4

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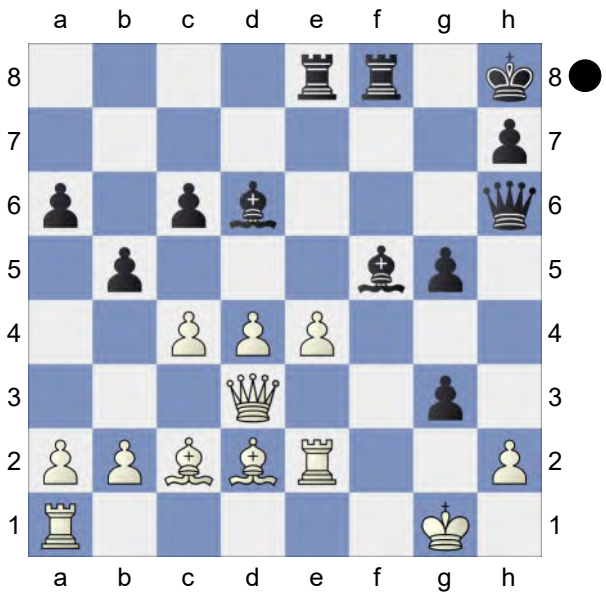
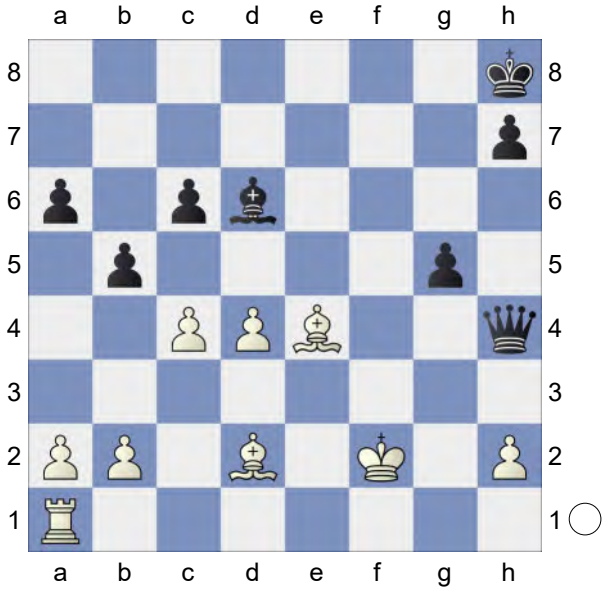


Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Rxe4

[27...bxc4? too greedy. 28.Qxe8 Rxe8 29.Rxe8++-]

28.Bxe4 Rf2 Decoy **29.Rxf2 gxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Qh4+**



31.Kf3 g4+ 32.Ke2 Qxh2+ 33.Kd3 bxc4+ 34.Kc3 Qe2

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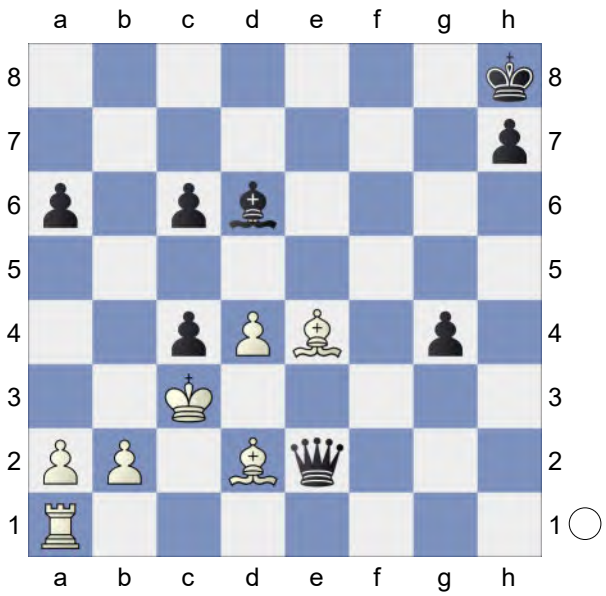

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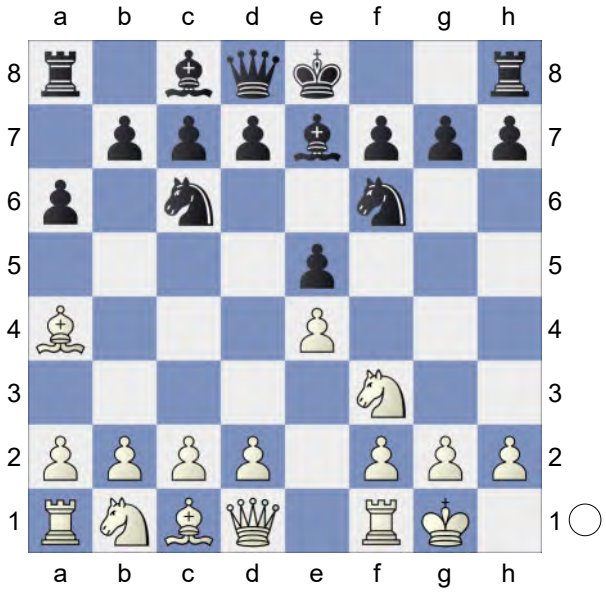
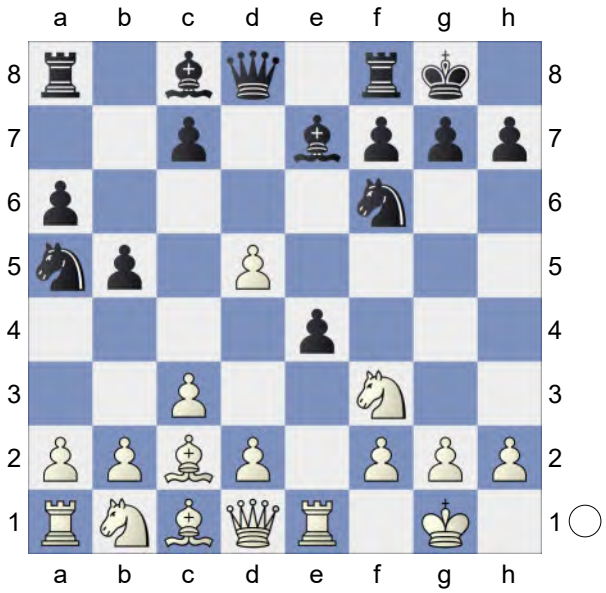
83 **C89**
□ **Wofford,Matthew R** **1993**
■ **Kantor,Gergely** **2531**
Charlotte op (4) 14.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

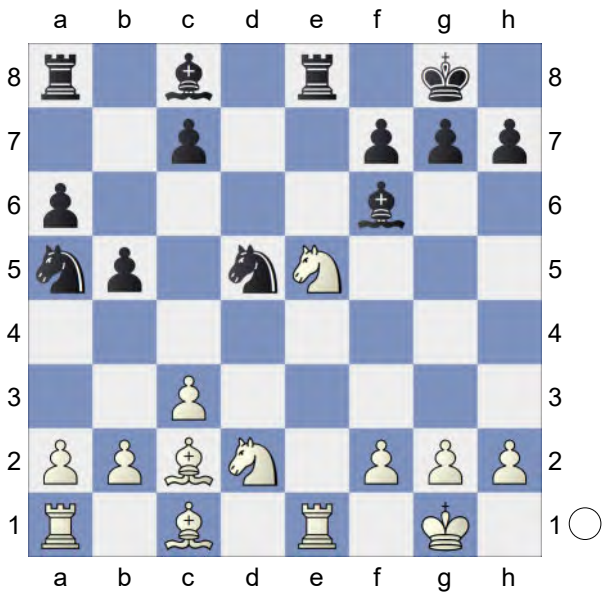


6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bb2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Rc2 c5 24.bxc5* ½-½ Mammadova,G (2336)-Vidic,T (2128) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (4.12)*)* 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 d5! outshines the older 9...d6.erfolgreicher als das alte 9...d6. **10.exd5 e4**

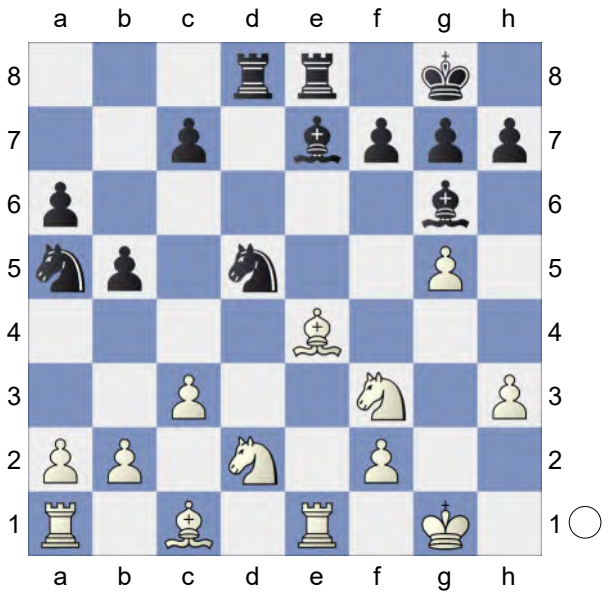


11.Ne5N -0.31/21
[Vorgänger: 11.Bxe4= 0.09/21 might be stronger. Nxe4 12.Rxe4 Bb7 13.d3 Hoping for c3-c4. Bxd5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Nbd2 0.04/18 *(15.Bf4± 0.41/18)* 15...c5= 16.Ne4 f6 17.Be3 ½-½ Savchenko,B (2612)-Ragger,M (2687) EU-ch blitz Minsk 2015 (17.4)]
11...Qxd5∓ 12.d4 And now Bc1-g5 would win. **12...exd3 13.Qxd3 Re8 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Nd2 Bf6**

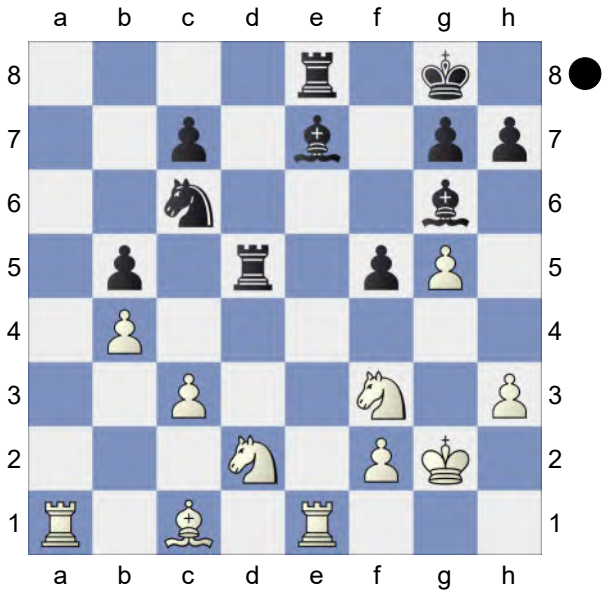
(Diagram)



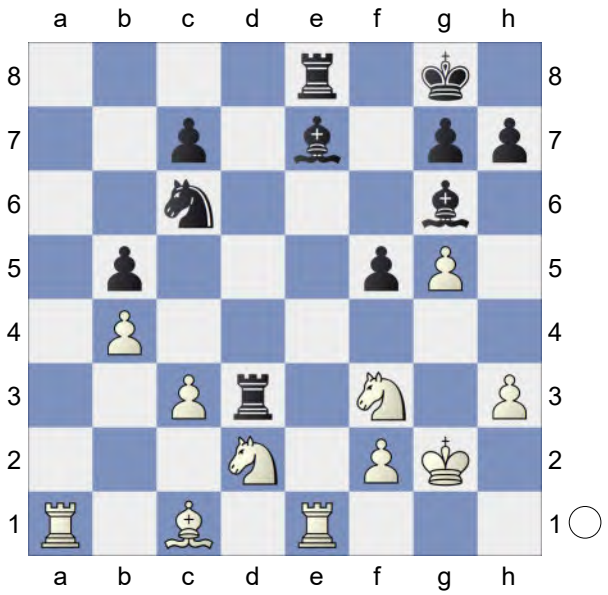
16.Nef3 Bg4 17.h3 Bh5 18.Be4 Rad8 19.g4 Bg6 20.g5 Be7



21.b4 -1.01/22
[White should try 21.Bxg6∓ -0.37/21 hxg6 22.Nb3]
21...Nc6 -0.57/22
[21...Bxe4∓ -1.01/22 22.Nxe4 Nc4]
22.a4 -1.08/21
[22.Bxg6!∓ -0.57/22 hxg6 23.Ne4]
22...f5∓ Black is more active. **23.Bxd5+ Rxd5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Kg2** -1.37/22
[Better is 25.Ra6 -0.78/21 Rd6 26.Bb2]

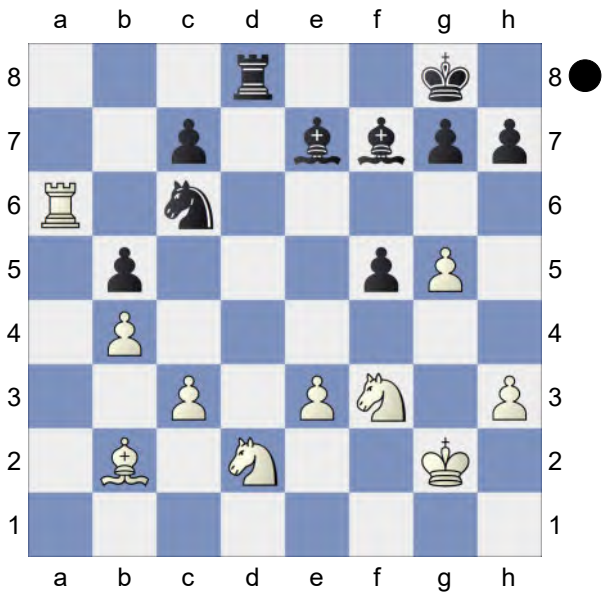


25...Rd3!

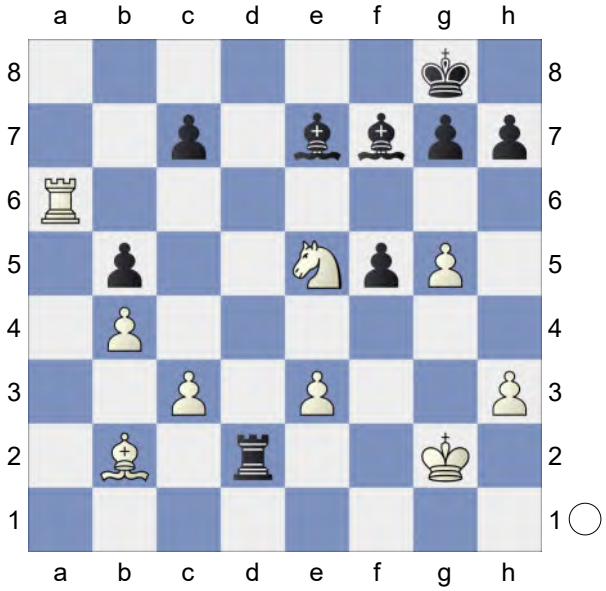


26.Bb2 -2.03/24
[26.Re3∓ -1.24/21 Rxe3 27.fxe3]
26...Bf7-+ Strongly threatening ...Bf7-d5.
27.Re3 Rxe3 28.fxe3 Rd8 29.Ra6 -2.56/22
[29.Kf1∓ -1.46/21 was necessary.]

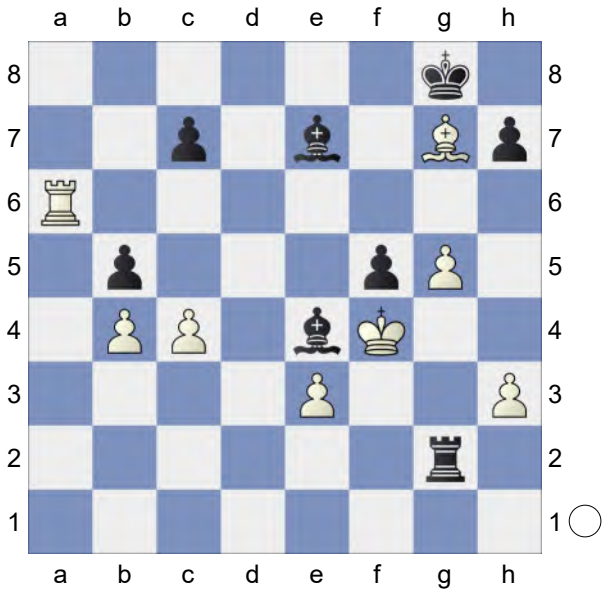
(Diagram)



29...Ne5! ...Bf7-d5 is the strong threat.
Deflection **30.Nxe5?** -4.26/21
[30.Ra7 -2.21/20]
[30.Kg1 Nd3]
30...Rxd2+



Black is clearly winning. **31.Kg3** -6.26/24
[⌓31.Kg1 -4.21/23 g6 *(31...Rxb2 32.Ra8+ Bf8 33.Nd7=)* 32.Ba1 Bxg5 33.c4 Bxe3+ *(33...Bxc4? 34.Ra8+ Rd8 35.Rxd8+ Bxd8 36.Bd4-+)* 34.Kh1 Rd1+ *(34...Bxc4?* loses. *35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.Nxc4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kf7 37.Nxd2+-)*
35.Kg2]
31...Bd5
[31...Rxb2 32.Ra8+ Bf8 33.Nd7+-]
32.c4 Be4 (-> ...Rd2-g2+)
[32...Bxc4 33.Ra8+ Rd8 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 35.Kf4∓]
33.Nc6 Bxc6 This pair of bishops is nice. **34.Bxg7 Rg2+ 35.Kf4 Be4**



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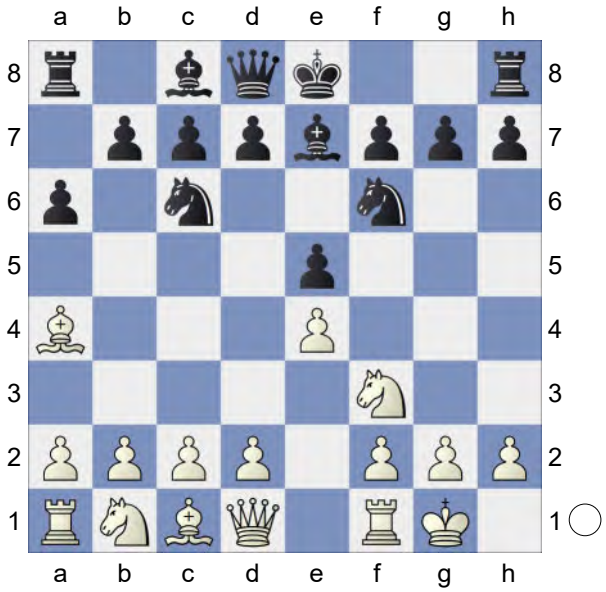
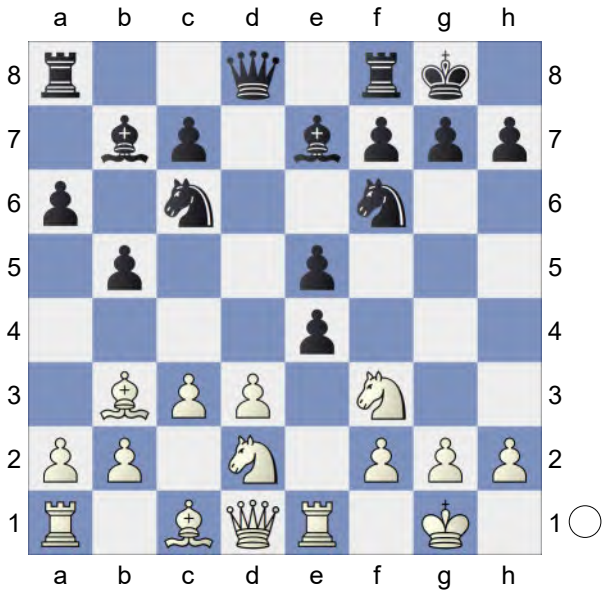
84 **C89**
□ **Agasarov,Benik** **2340**
■ **Babujian,Levon** **2346**
Yerevan Margaryan Memorial GM (5)
[Kitty Kat]

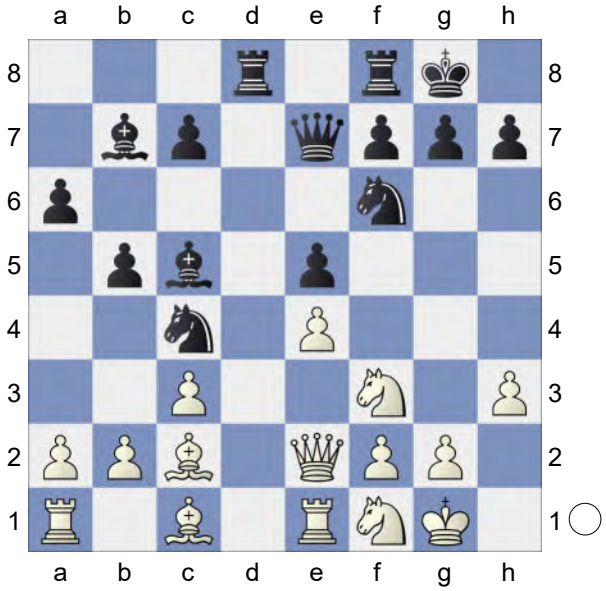
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3
[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 21.Raa1 Ne7 22.Bc5 Ng6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
8...d5 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Re1N
[10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Bc2 Nxd3 13.Bxd3 Qxd3 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bd6 16.Re3 Qg6 17.Qf1 Rfe8 18.Nb3 c5 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Be3 Qh5 21.g3 Qf3 0-1 Rose,F (2091)-Zenelaj,S (2290) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (2)]
10...dxe4

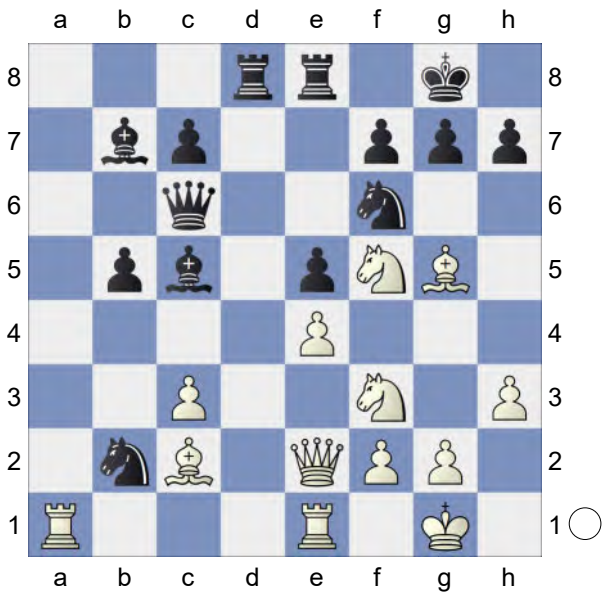


11.dxe4 Bc5 12.h3 Qe7 13.Nf1 Rad8
White has an edge. **14.Qe2 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4**

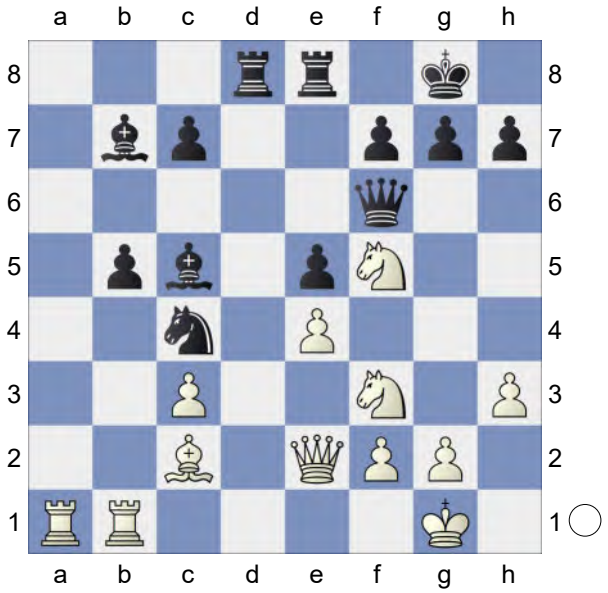


16.Ng3 Qe6 17.a4 Rfe8 18.Nf5 Qc6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bg5 Nxb2? 2.86/23
[20...h6= 0.24/19 and Black is okay. 21.Bxf6 Qxf6]

(Diagram)



Black is on the road to losing. **21.Bxf6+- Qxf6 22.Reb1 Nc4**



...Nc4-a3 would now be deadly. **23.Rxb5 Qc6 24.Rxb7**

[24.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qxc4-+]

24...Qxb7 25.Qxc4 Qb2 4.42/22

[25...Qb6 2.87/21 was called for. 26.Rf1 c6]

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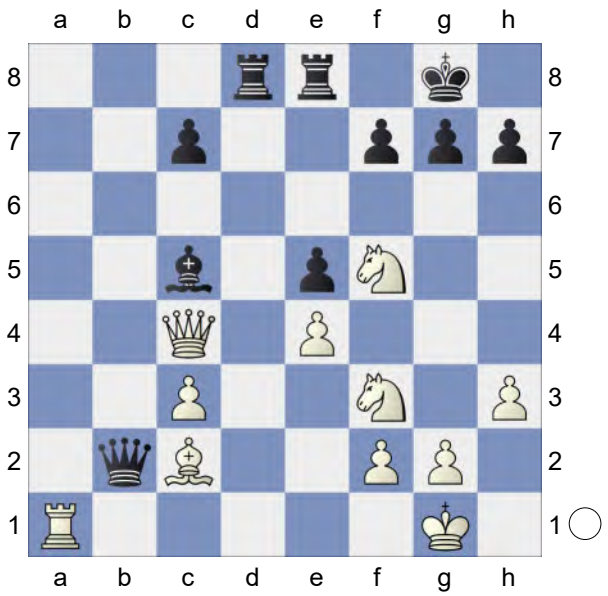


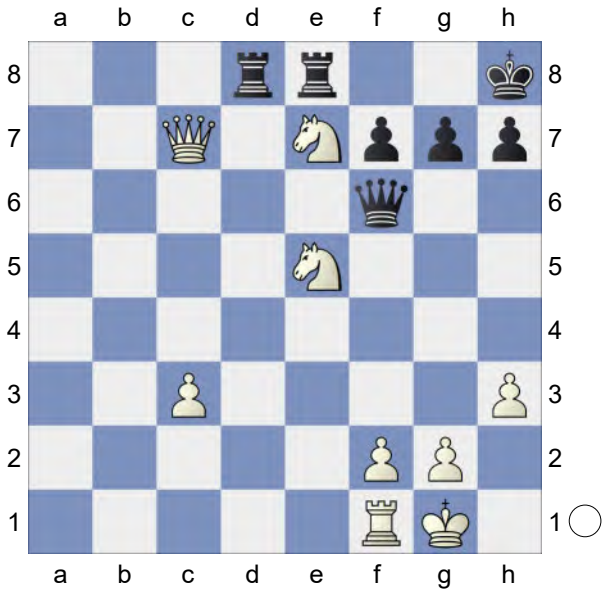
26.Rf1 Qxc2 27.Qxc5 Qxe4 28.Ne7+ Excellent horsemanship. **28...Kh8** 6.98/24

[⌓28...Kf8 4.36/23]

29.Nxe5

[29.Qxe5 Rxe7 30.Qc5 Red7∓]

29...Qf4 30.Qxc7 Qf6



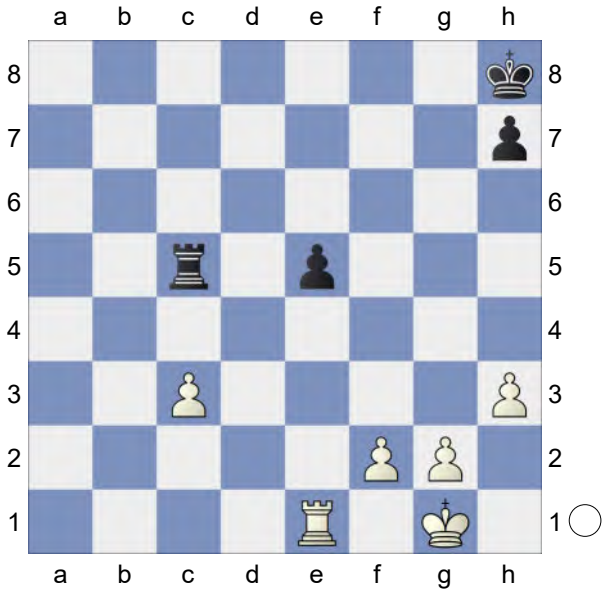
Prevents Ne5-g6+. **31.N7c6 Rc8 32.Qxf7 Rxe5 33.Qxf6**

[33.Nxe5 Qxe5 34.c4 Qb8+-]

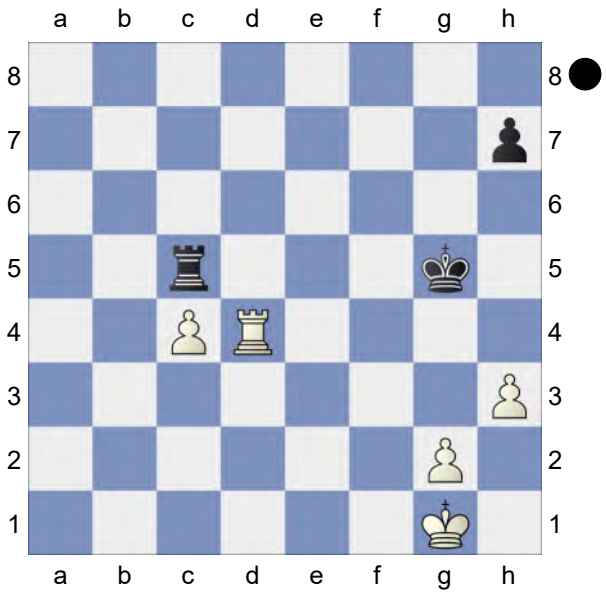
33...gxf6 34.Nxe5 fxe5 Endgame. KR-KR **35.Re1 Rc5** 3.83/26

[35...Rxc3 2.70/26 was worth a try.

36.Rxe5 Kg7]

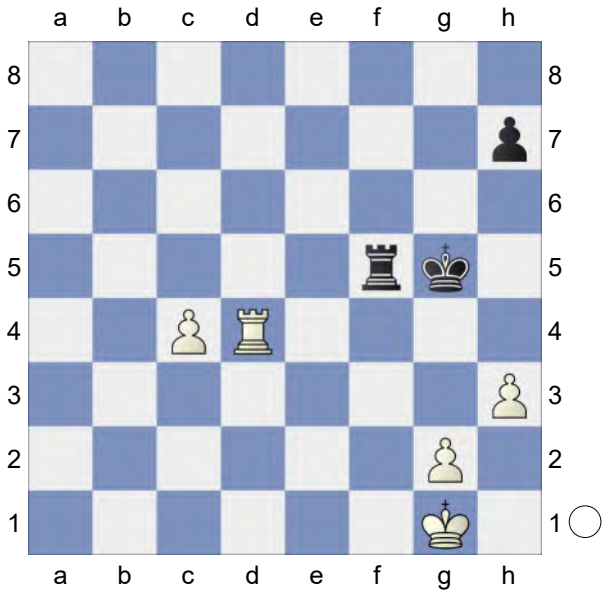


36.Re4 Kg7 37.c4 Kf6 38.f4 exf4 39.Rxf4+ Kg5 40.Rd4

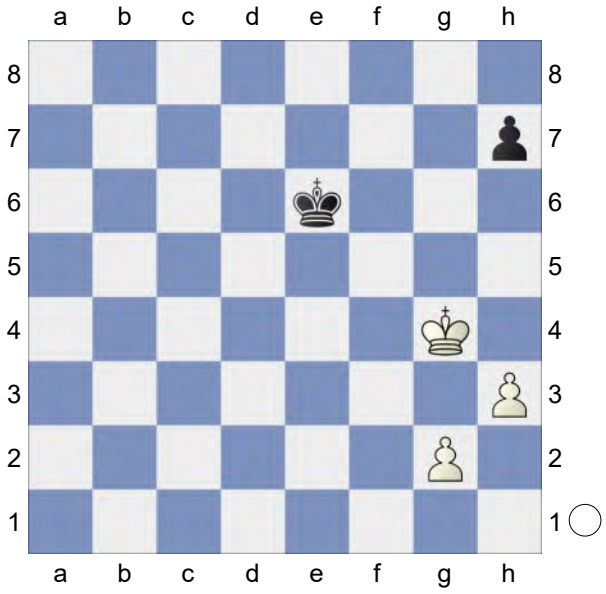


aiming for Rd4-d5+. **40...Rf5** 9.76/24 [⌓40...Kf6 4.03/23 41.Kf2 h5]

(Diagram)

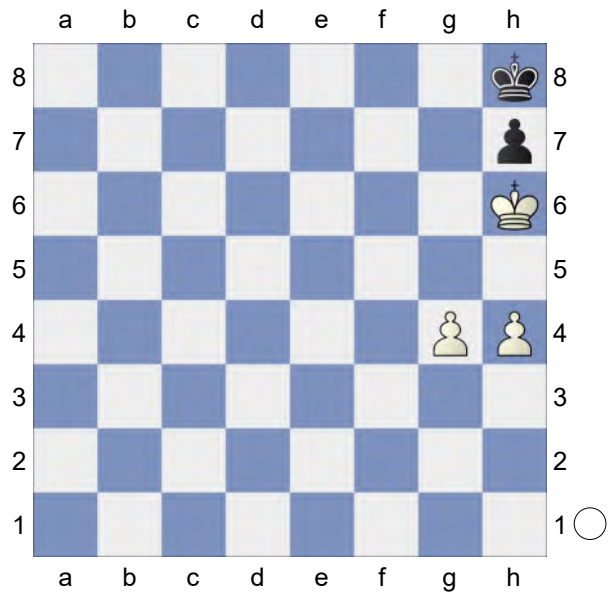


41.Rd5 Rxd5 42.cxd5 KP-KP **42...Kf5 43.Kf2 Ke5 44.Kg3 Kxd5** KPP-KP **45.Kg4** 19.26/26 **Ke6**

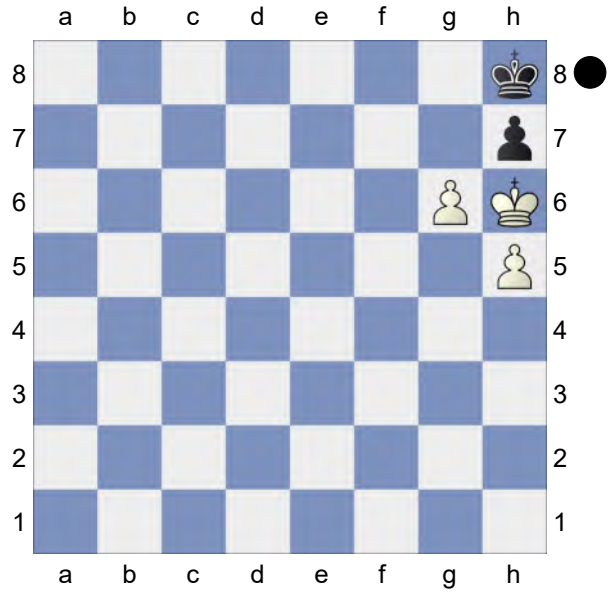


46.Kg5 Kf7 47.Kh6 White threatens h3-h4! and mate. **47...Kg8 48.g3 Kh8 49.g4 Kg8 50.h4 Kh8**

(Diagram)



51.g5 Kg8 52.h5 Kh8 53.g6



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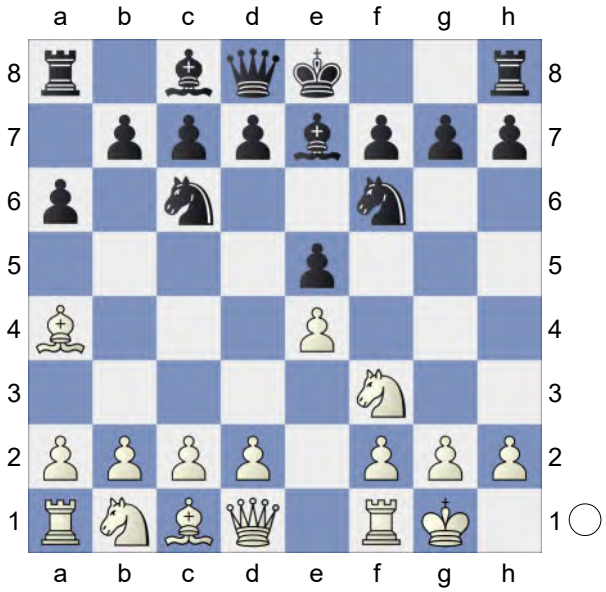
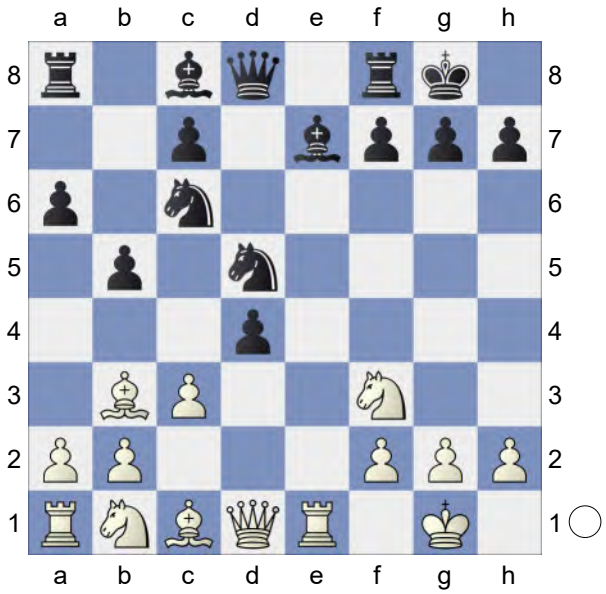
85 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2711**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (7) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C89: Partie espagnole (gambit Marshall)
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 91/310'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 exd4

(Diagram)



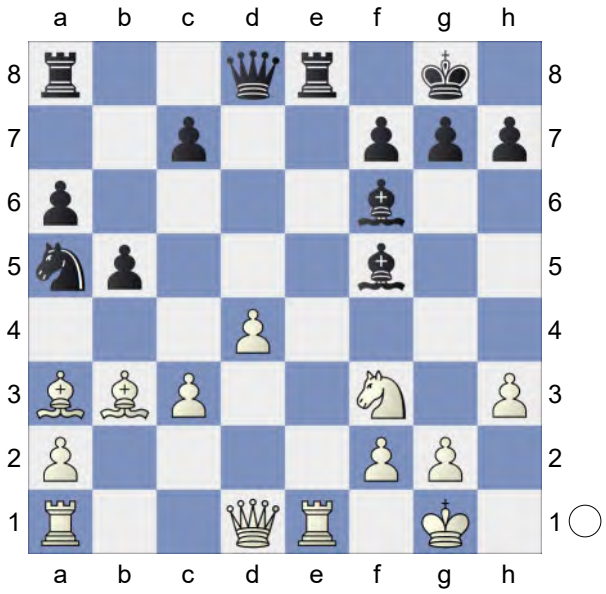
11.cxd4 Bf6N 0.21/19
[11...Bg4! -0.21/18 feels stronger. 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 15.g4 Bg6 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Ne5 Kh8 19.f4 f6 20.Nxg6+ Nxg6 21.f5 Qd6 22.Qf3 Nf4 23.Re4 g5 24.fxg6 Nxg6 25.Re6 Qd8 26.Rf1 f5 1-0 Helmsen,F (2631)-Green,V (2477) 20/37 Montilla 1975]
[11...Bb4 12.Bd2 Bb7 *(12...Bg4 13.Nc3 Nf6 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.d5 Ne7 17.Bg5 Qh3 18.Bxf6 Bd6 19.f4 Bxf4 20.f3 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Nf5 22.Ne4 gxf6 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Qc3 Rg8 25.Qxf6+ Rg7* 0-1 Sittenfeld,S-Soldatenkov,V Paris m 1901*)* 13.Nc3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bc1 Bc8 18.Bg5 Bb7 19.Bd2 Na5 20.Bg5 Nc4 21.Qd3 g6 22.Bh6 Rf7 23.Nh4 Qd7 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Nxg6+ ½-½ Nisipeanu,L-Beliavsky,A Pune (super-tournoi GMI) 2004 (2) Kh7 27.Bf8 Nde3 28.Qh4+ Kxg6 29.Qh6+ Kf5 30.Qh3+ Kg6 ½-½ Nisipeanu,L (2686)-Beliavsky,A (2679) 91/310 Pune 2004]

[11...Nb6 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.d5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Na5 15.Bc2 b4 16.Qd3 f5 17.Ne2 Bc5 Anti Marshall-Sidelines]

12.Nc3= Nxc3 13.bxc3 The position is equal. **13...Bf5 14.h3 Na5 15.Ba3** -0.29/23

[⌓15.Bf4 0.19/21]

15...Re8



16.Qd2 -0.64/21

[16.Rxe8+= -0.19/20 was preferrable. Qxe8 17.Bc2 Bxc2 18.Qxc2]

16...Nxb3∓ 17.axb3 Qd5 -0.28/22

[17...Be6∓ -0.65/21 should be considered. 18.c4 a5 *(18...bxc4 19.bxc4 Qd7 20.Rac1=)*]

18.Qf4 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Be6! This pair of bishops is nice.

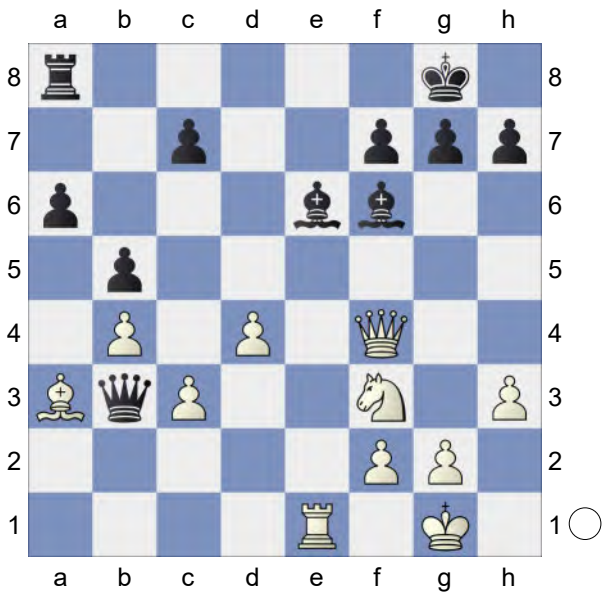
[19...Qxb3 20.Be7 Bxe7 21.Rxe7±]

20.b4 -0.85/22

[20.Qxc7∓ -0.43/22 deserves consideration. Qxb3 21.Qb7]

20...Qb3∓

(Diagram)



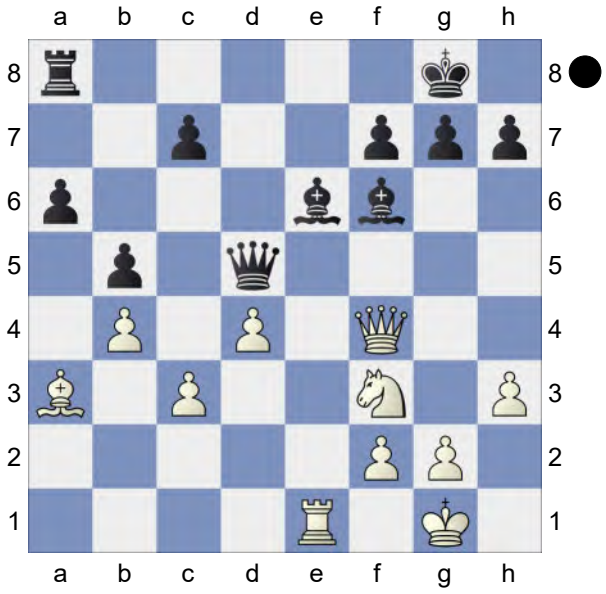
21.Qc1 Qd5 0.01/20 **22.Qf4= Qb3** 0.01/22 **23.Qc1 Qd5** 0.01/18

[23...Be7∓ -1.04/21

A) 24.c4 c6 *(24...Qxc4 25.Qxc4 bxc4 26.d5=; 24...Bxb4 25.Bxb4 Qxb4 26.d5=; 24...bxc4? loses. 25.d5+-)*;

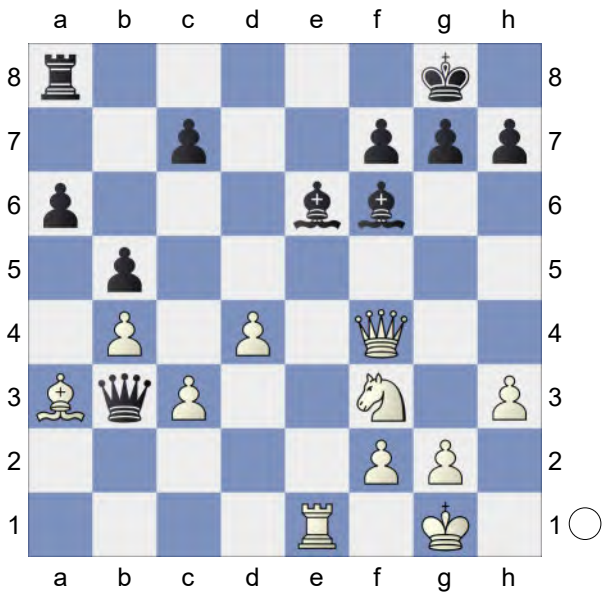
B) 24.Qb2 Bf8]

24.Qf4



Qb3 0.01/30

[24...Be7!∓ -0.86/20 25.Bc1 *(25.Qxc7 Bd6=)* 25...Bd6]



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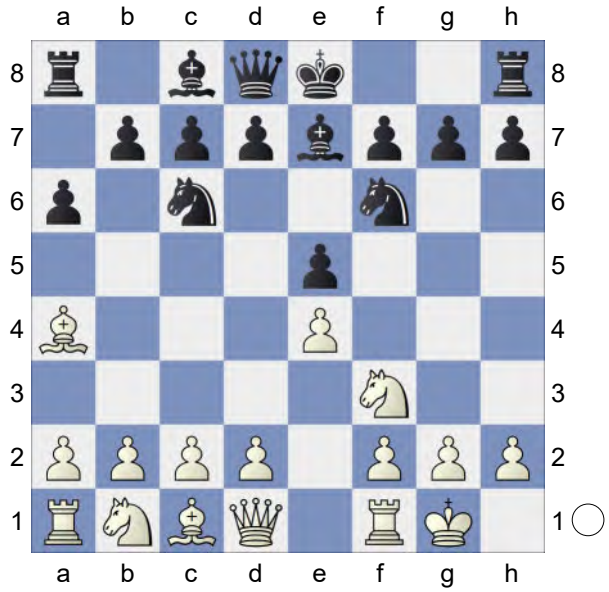
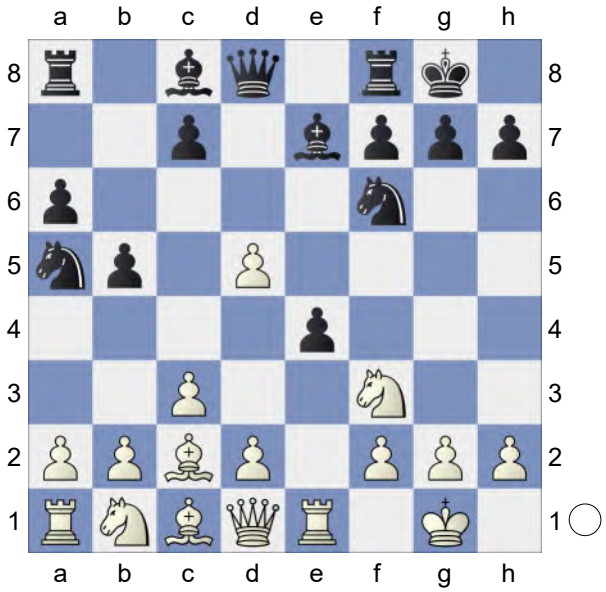
86 **C89**
□ **Cnejev,Vladimir Alexandru** **2313**
■ **Costachi,Mihnea** **2476**
Sebes GP op (7) 05.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bb2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Rc2 c5 24.bxc5* ½-½ Mammadova,G (2336)-Vidic,T (2128) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (4.12)*)* 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2
[9.Nxe5 with more complications. Nxb3 10.Qxb3 Bb7 11.d3]
9...d5! is recently more successful than 9...d6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 9...d6. **10.exd5 e4!**



11.Bxe4 Nxe4 12.Rxe4 Bb7 13.d3 Threatens to win with Qd1-e1. **13...Bxd5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Nbd2 Bf8N**
[Vorgänger: 15...c5 16.Ne4 f6 17.Be3 Rc8 18.b3 c4 19.bxc4 bxc4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Ng3 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 ½-½ Savchenko,B (2612)-Ragger,M (2687) EU-ch blitz Minsk 2015 (17.4)]

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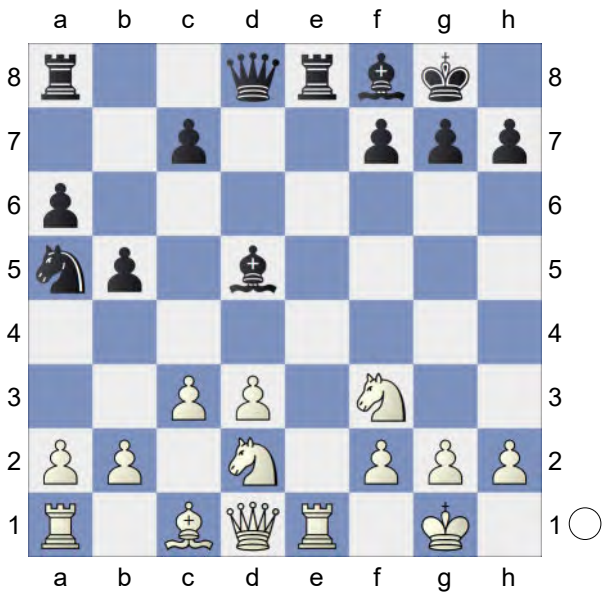
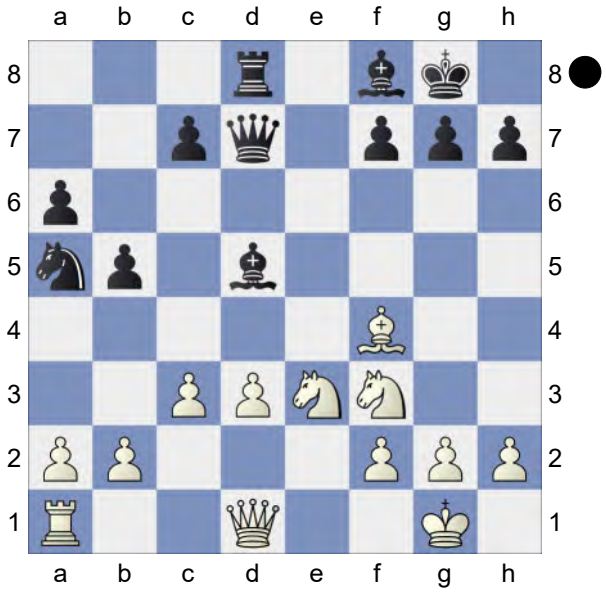


16.Rxe8 Qxe8 17.Nf1 Rd8 0.76/21
[17...c5= 0.30/20]
18.Bf4± Qd7 19.Ne3



Ne3xd5 is the strong threat. **19...Bb7**
20.Qe2 0.37/20
[20.a4± 0.87/20]
20...c5

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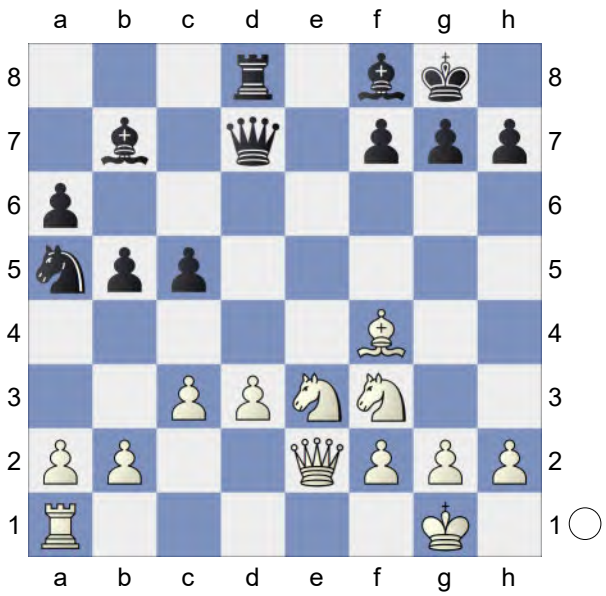
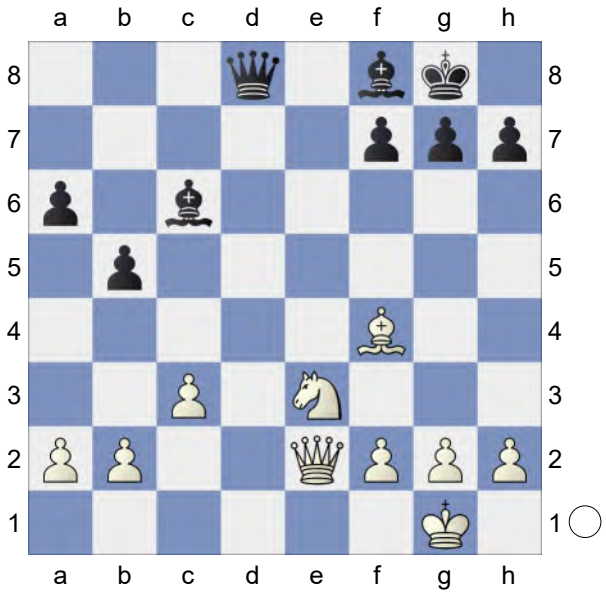
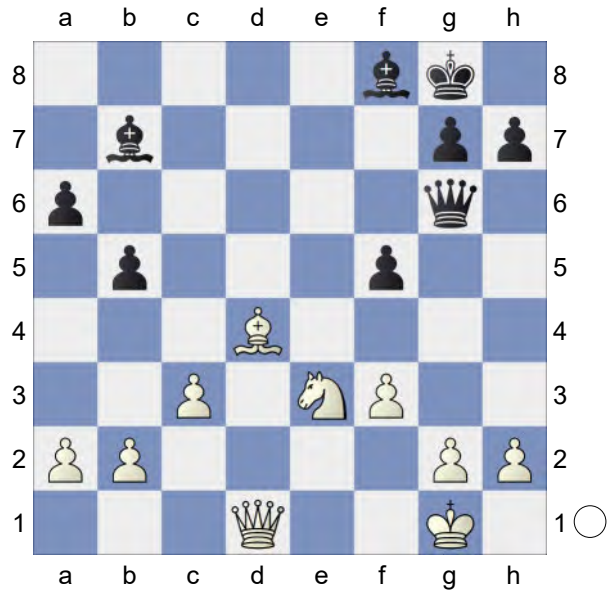


21.Rd1 Nc6 22.d4 aiming for d4xc5.
22...cxd4 23.Nxd4 A dynamic duo of knights.
[Much worse is 23.cxd4 Ne7=]
23...Qe8 1.10/20
[23...Nxd4± 0.53/22 24.cxd4 *(24.Rxd4 Qe7±)* 24...Qe6]
24.Nxc6 0.56/20
[White should try 24.Ndf5± 1.10/20]
24...Bxc6 25.Rxd8 Qxd8

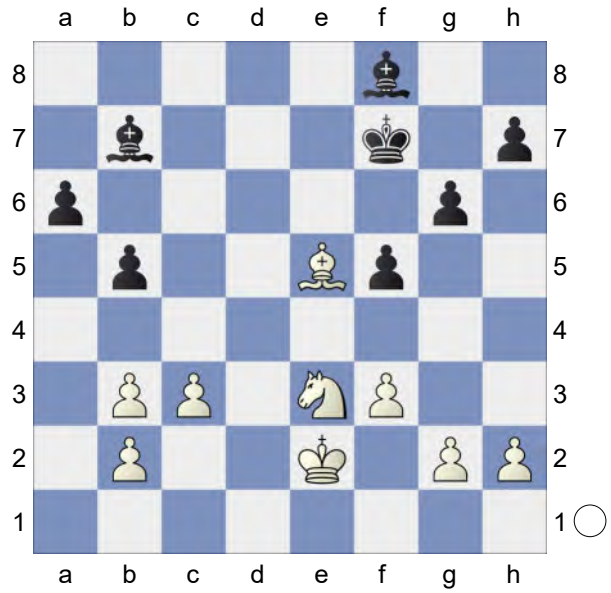


26.Be5 Qg5 27.Bd4 Qg6 28.Qc2 Be4
29.Qd1 f5 0.87/21
[29...Bc6± 0.45/20]

30.f3 Bb7



31.Be5 Qb6 1.25/21
[⩲31...h6 0.81/19]
32.Kf2 0.72/20
[⩲32.Qb3+ 1.25/21 Kh8 33.Kf2]
32...Qe6 33.Qb3 Qxb3 34.axb3± Endgame. KBB-KBN **34...g6 35.Ke2 Kf7**



36.b4 Ke6 37.Bd4 g5 38.Kd2 0.14/24
[38.h3± 0.59/22]
38...h5 39.Ke2 f4 40.Nf1 g4

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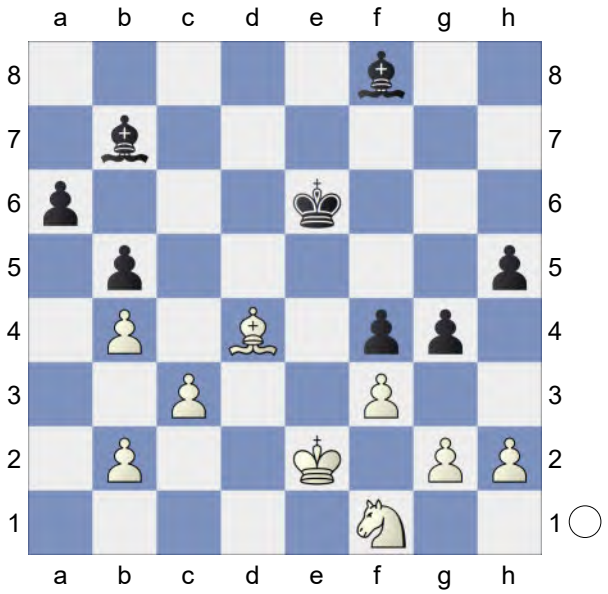
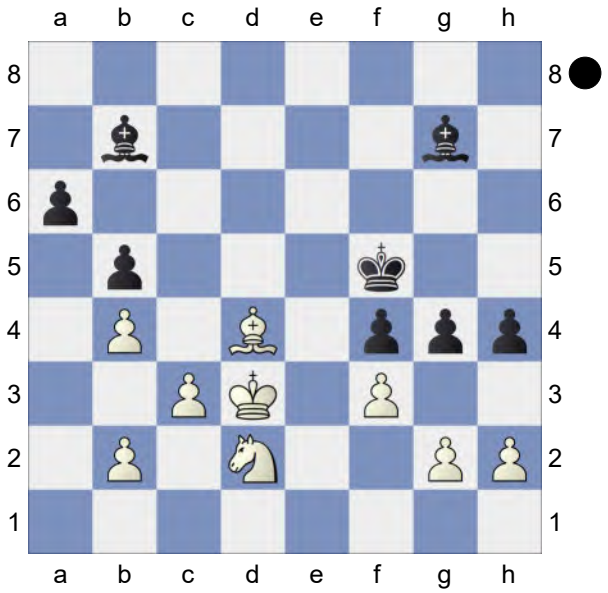


41.Nd2 Kf5 42.Kd3 White is slightly better. **42...h4 43.Bc5 Bg7 44.Bd4** -0.01/30
[44.h3± 0.40/25 is more appropriate. gxh3 45.gxh3]



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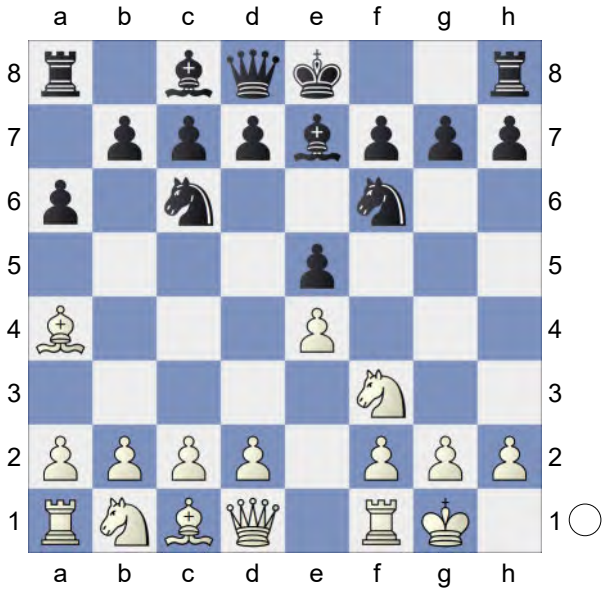
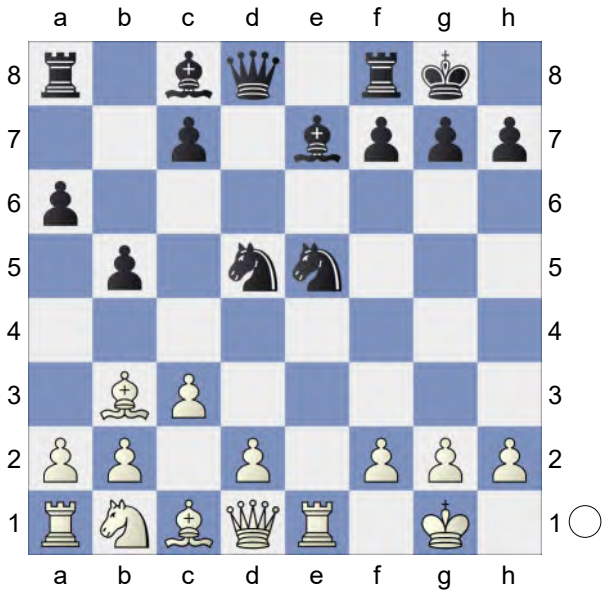
87 **C89**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2484**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2344**
Qatar Masters op (7) 18.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

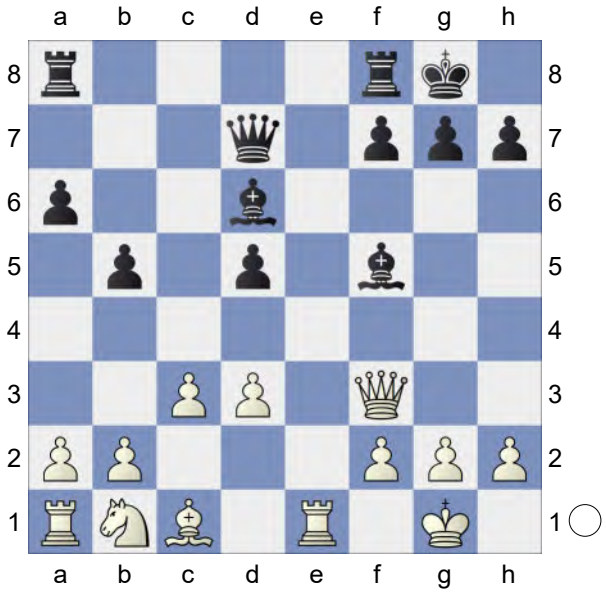
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qd7 0.54/22
[14...Re8= 0.04/21 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
15.Bxd5± cxd5



16.Bf4! Bxf4 White is slightly better.
17.Qxf4 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Nb3
Black must now prevent Nb3-c5.
19...Qf5N 1.21/20
[19...Bg6± 0.60/20]
[19...Qc6 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2654)-Jud,M (2588) COL-ch Fusagasuga 1999]
20.Qd2 0.65/21
[20.Qg3± 1.21/20]
20...Qg6

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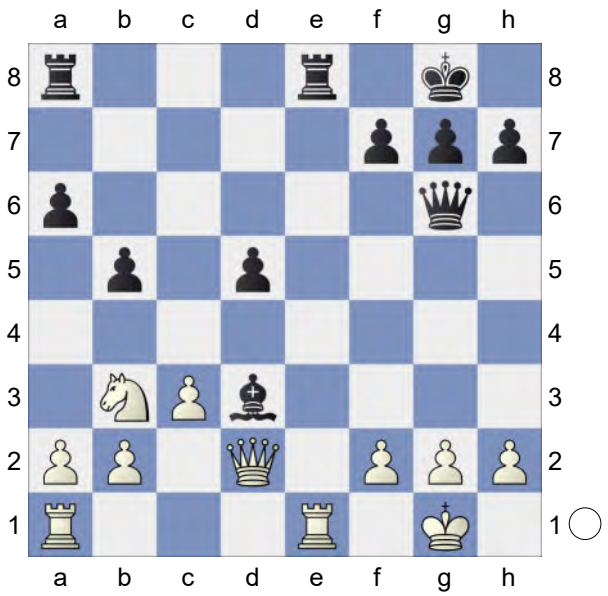
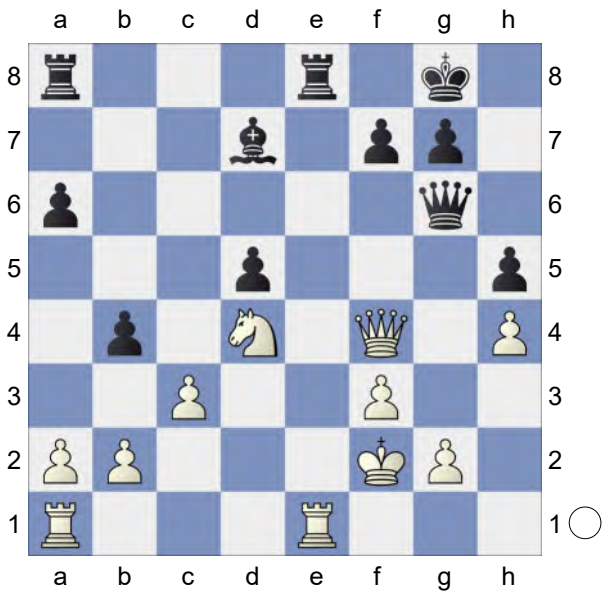
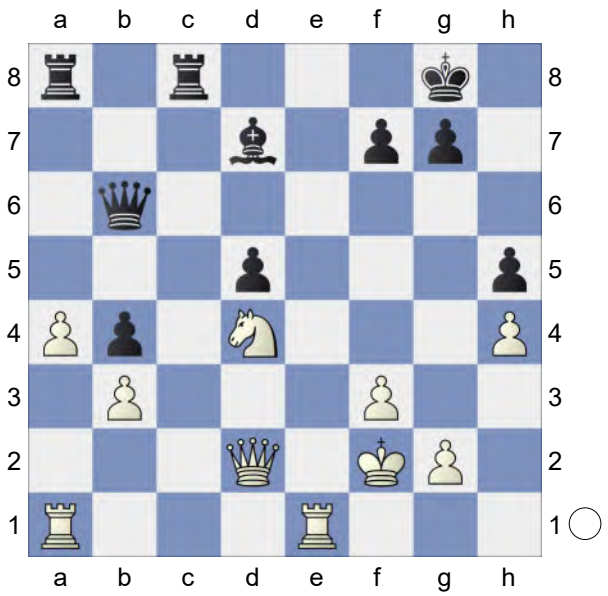


21.Nd4 h5 22.h4 Be4 1.14/23
[⌓22...b4 0.76/20]
23.f3
[23.Qg5 simplifies f6 24.Qxg6 Bxg6 25.a3]
23...Bf5 24.Kf2 0.80/23
[⌓24.a3 1.23/21]
24...Bd7 25.Qf4 b4



26.cxb4 Qb6 27.Qd2 Reb8 28.a3 a5 29.b3 0.92/22
[29.Re7?! Qd6 30.Rae1 axb4=]
[⌓29.Qf4 1.35/22]
29...axb4± 30.a4 Rc8



31.Rec1 0.48/20
[31.Qf4± 0.96/20]
31...Re8 1.08/22
[31...Qd6± 0.48/20]
32.Qf4 Re7 1.53/22
[⌓32...Rec8 0.76/22]
33.Re1 Rae8 1.84/25
[33...Ree8± 1.26/22 34.Kg3 Rxe1 35.Rxe1 Qc5]
34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Rc1→ 1.04/23
White is out for blood.
[Better is 35.a5+- 1.87/22 Qc5 36.Kg3]
35...Re8? 3.02/23
[35...f6± 1.04/23 keeps fighting. 36.Rc7 Kf8]

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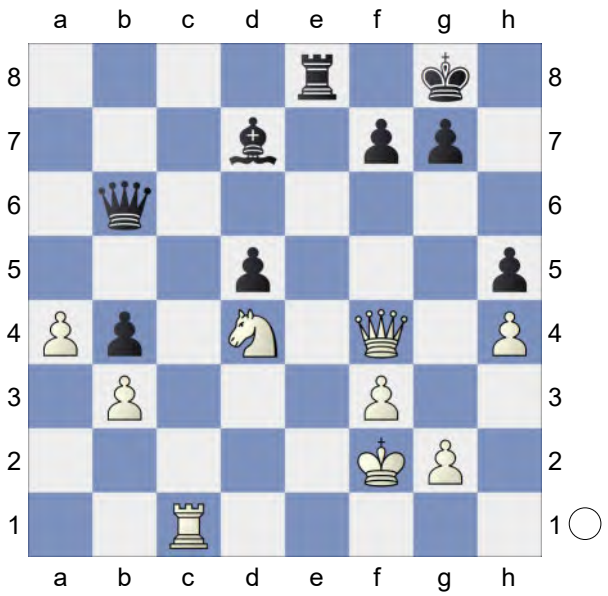
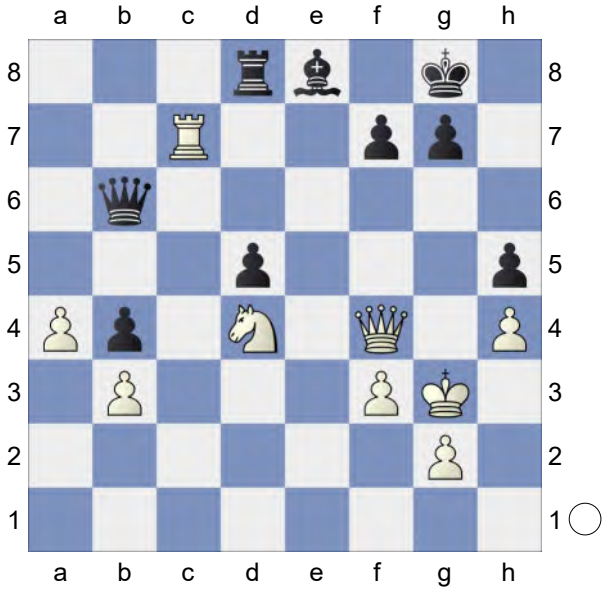


36.Rc7+- Rd8 4.73/24
[36...Re7 2.39/21 37.Kg3 Qg6+ 38.Kh2 Kh8]
37.Kg3 Threatens to win with Nd4-c6!
37...Be8



38.Nc6! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **38...Ra8**

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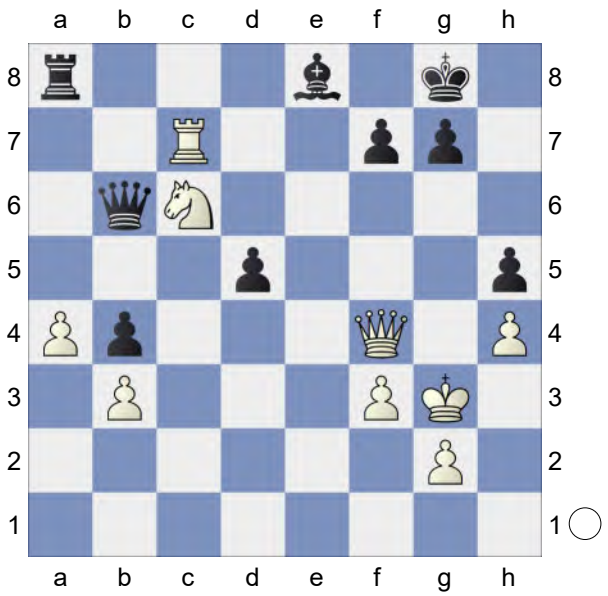
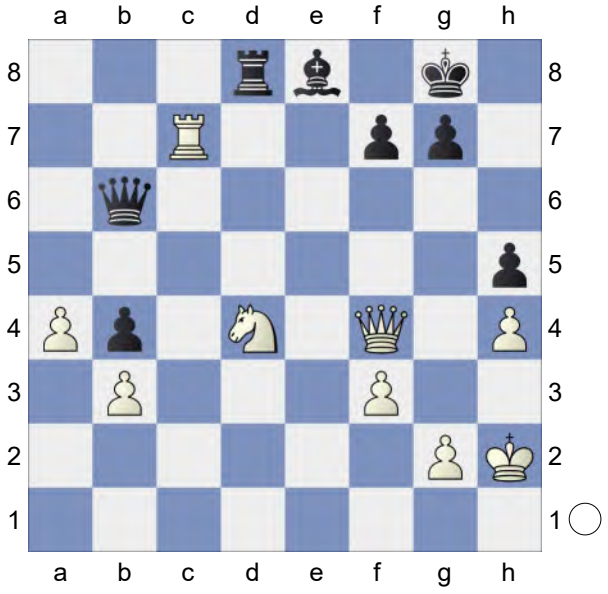


39.Kh2! d4 40.Nxd4
[40.a5 Qa6 41.Nxd4 *(41.Nxb4 Qxa5 42.Nc6 Qb6±; 41.Ne7+ Kf8+-)* 41...Qxa5+-]
40...Rd8



41.Re7! Kf8 42.Nf5 Qb8 43.Rc7 Rd7

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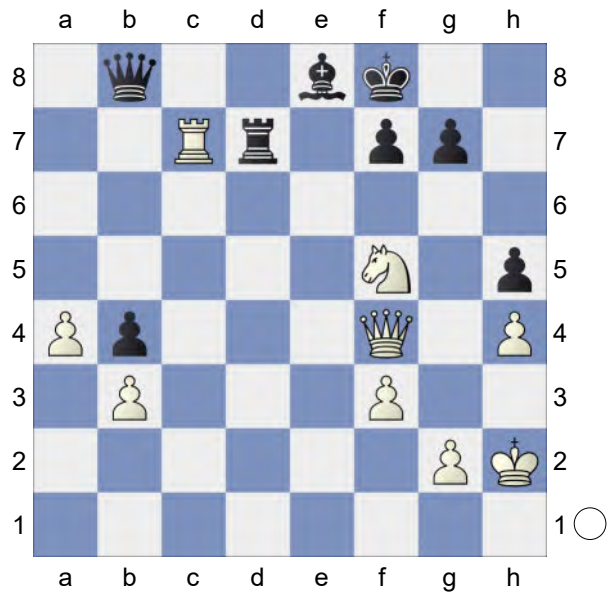
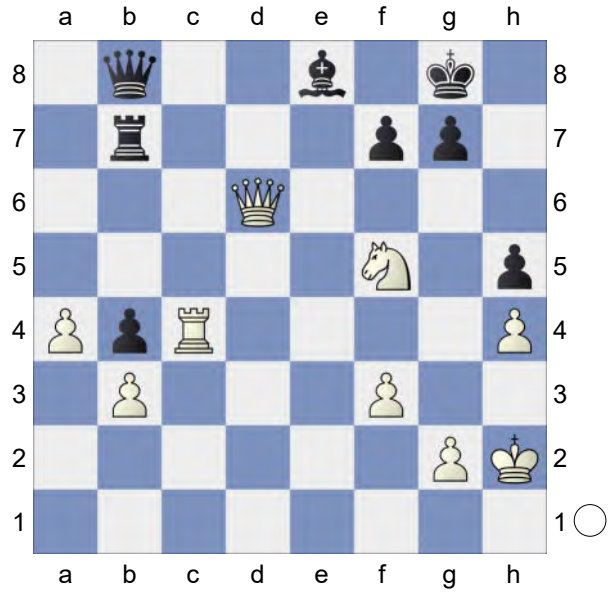
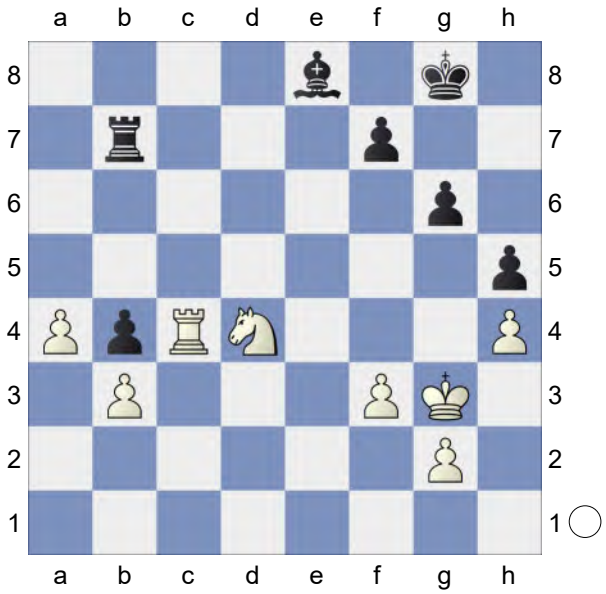


44.Rc4
[44.Nxg7 Kxg7 *(44...Qxc7? 45.Ne6+ Ke7 46.Nxc7+-)* 45.Qe5+ Kf8 46.Qc5+ Kg8 47.Qg5+ Kh7 *(47...Kf8 48.Qc5+ Kg8 49.Qg5+ Kf8 50.Qc5+=)* 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxh5+ Kg8=)* 48...Kg7 49.Qe5+ Kg8 50.Qg5+ Kf8 51.Qc5+= Kg7 52.Qg5+ Kh7 *(52...Kf8 53.Qc5+=)* 53.Qxh5+ Kg8 54.Qg5+ Kh8 55.Qh6+ Kg8 56.Qg5+ Kh8 57.Qh5+ Kg8= 58.Qg5+=]
44...Rb7 45.Qd6+ Kg8



46.Qxb8
[Resist 46.a5 Bd7+-]
46...Rxb8!= -0.01/21 and Black is okay. Endgame. KRB-KRN **47.Rc7**
[47.Ne7+ Kf8]
47...Rd8 48.Rc4? -0.01/21
[White should play 48.Rb7+- 4.09/24]
48...g6? 4.22/23 **49.Nd4 Rb8 50.Kg3 Rb7** 6.86/24
[⌓50...Kg7 4.02/23 51.Nb5 Bd7 *(51...Bxb5? 52.Rxb4* Pin *Ra8 53.Rxb5+-)*]



51.Rc8 White is clearly winning.
51...Re7 52.Rb8 Kg7 53.Rxb4 Ra7 54.Kf4 Ra5 55.Rb8 Bxa4

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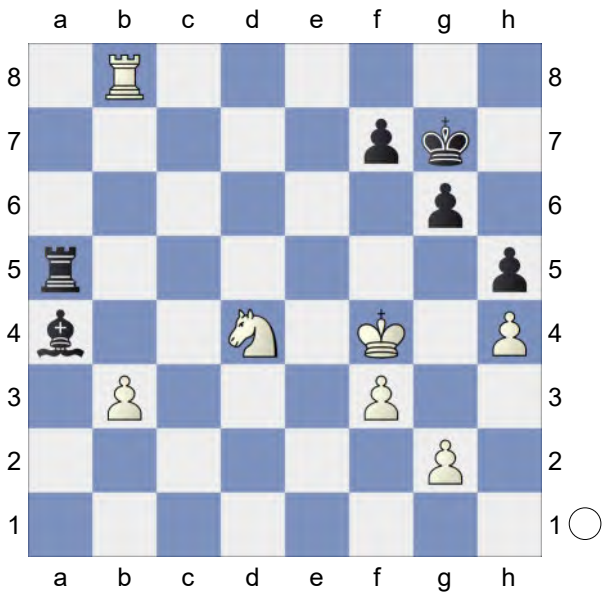
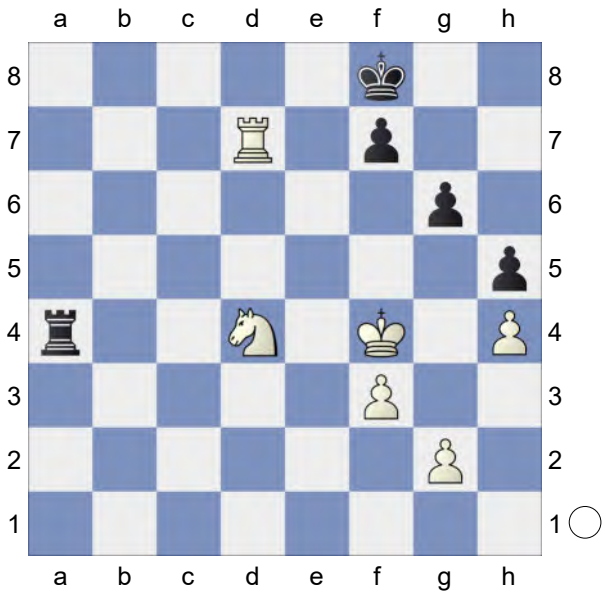


56.bxa4 Rxa4 KRN-KR **57.Ke5 Ra2 58.Rb7 Ra5+ 59.Kf4 Ra4 60.Rd7 Kf8**



61.Kg3 Ke8 62.Rd5 Kf8 63.Ne2 Kg7 64.Rd7 Rc4 65.Nf4 Kf6

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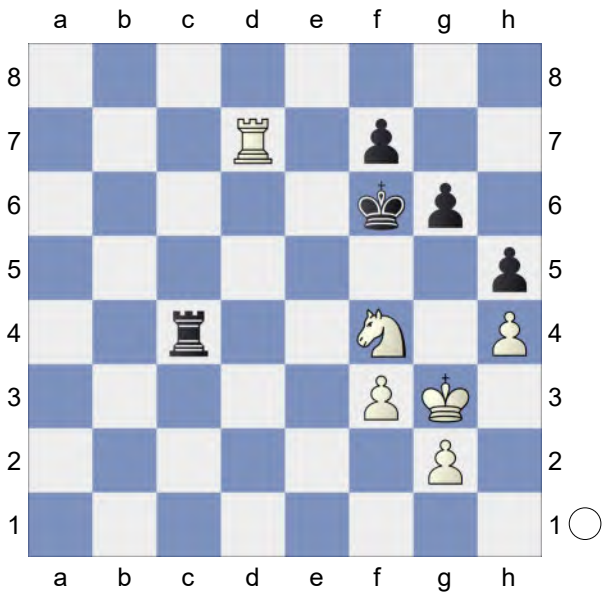
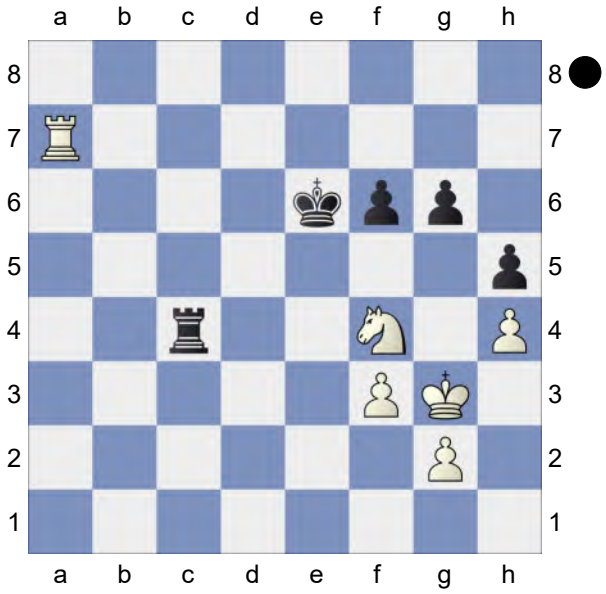


66.Nh3 Ke6 67.Ra7 f6 68.Nf4+



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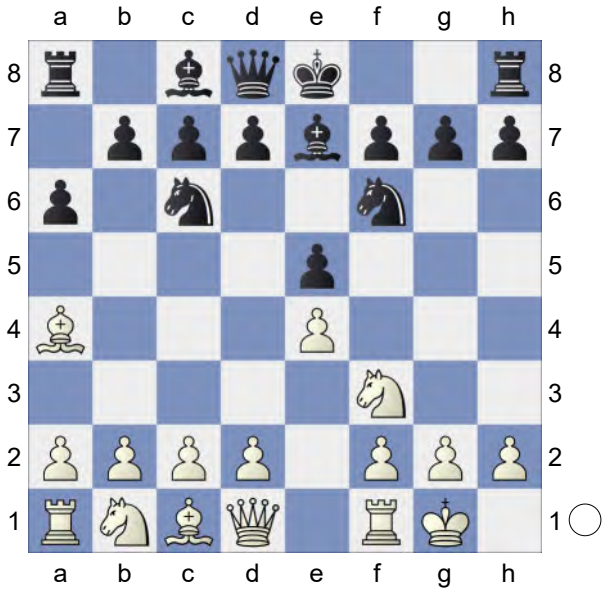
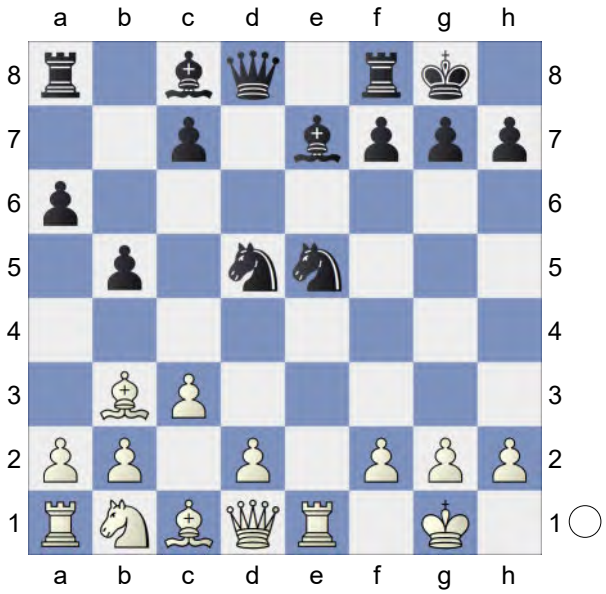
88 **C89**
□ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2604**
■ **Sargissian,Gabriel** **2686**
FIDE Grand Swiss (5) 29.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

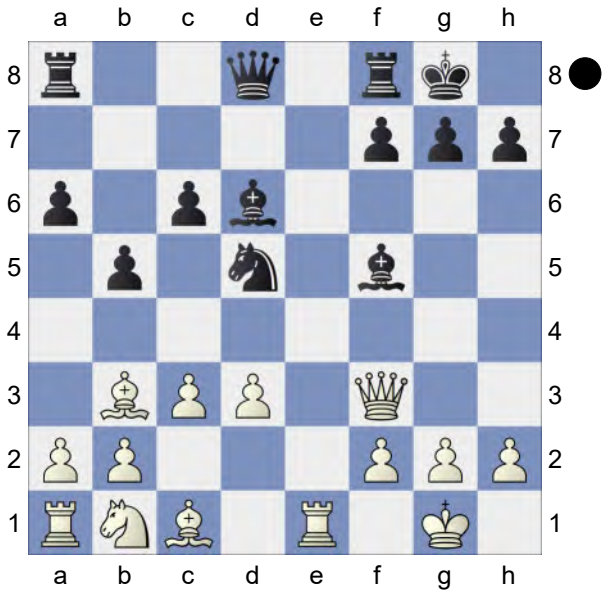
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



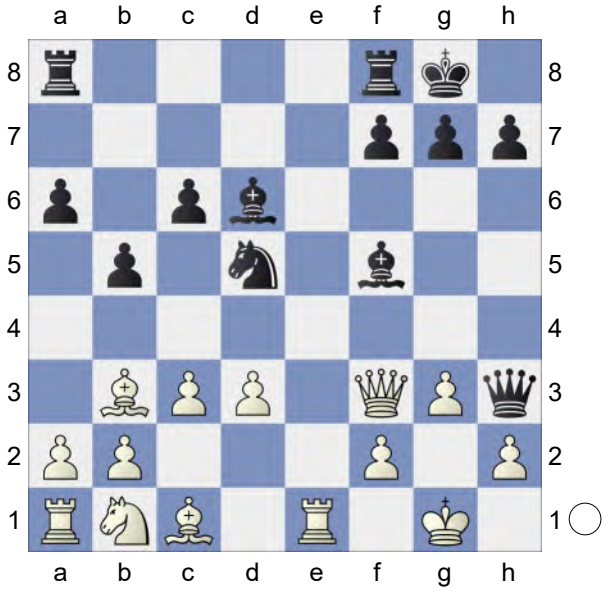
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3

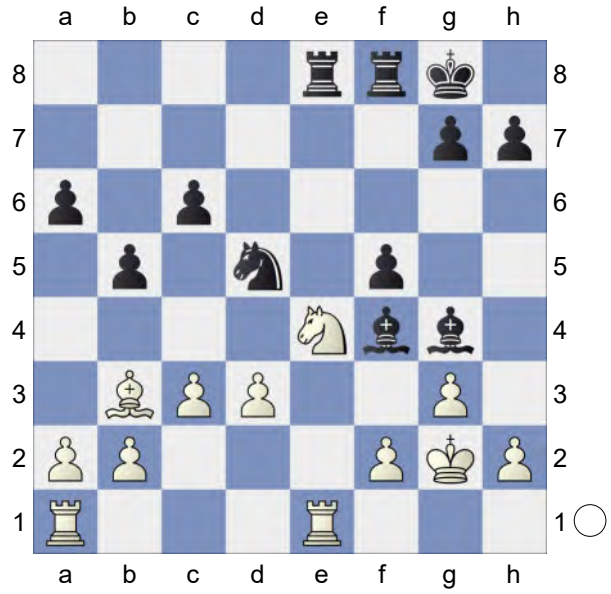


Strongly threatening Bb3xd5! **14...Qh4**
15.g3!
[Inferior is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

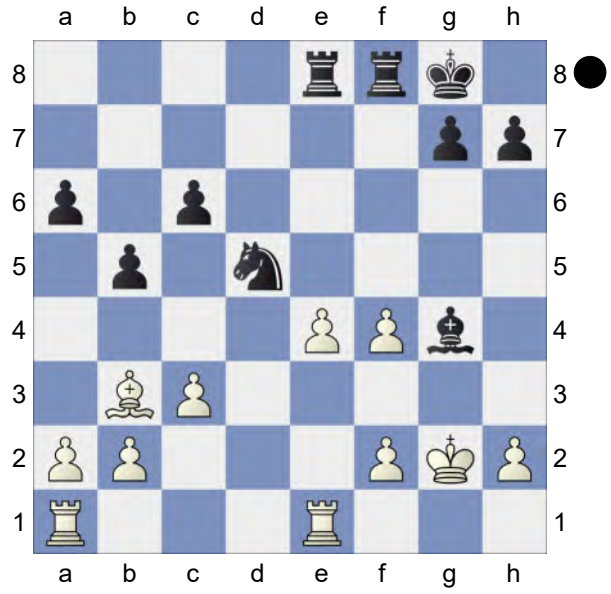


16.Nd2 16.Nd2 is a critical line.
16.Sd2 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
16...Rae8 17.Ne4! Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Hoping for Bc1-g5. **19...f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4**
[Reject 20...fxe4?! 21.Bxd6 Rf6 22.Bc5+- *(22.Rxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kf1*

Bxe4∓)]



21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4



Pin **22...Bf3+!** Decoy **23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**

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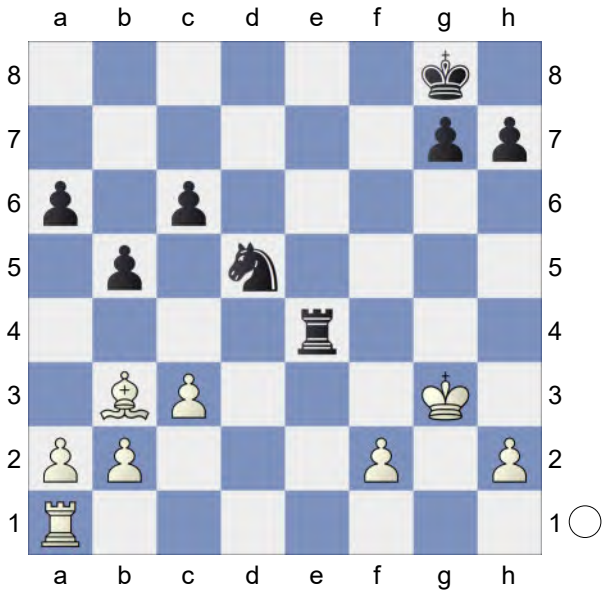

Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.f3 Re5**

[26...Re2 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxb2 29.Bxa6∓]

27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1

Bc4-b3 would now be deadly. **29...Rg5+**

[29...Kf8 30.Bxd5 Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2 35.a4 Kf7 36.Kf5 g6+ 37.Ke5 Re2+ 38.Kf4 h5 39.Ra7+ ½-½ Levano Loayza,A (2735)-Wohl,R (2738) Sverige (ch) 153/8 2022 (13)]

30.Kf2 Black should prevent Bc4-b3.

30...Kf8N

[30...Rh5 31.Bb3 a4 32.Bxa4 Rxh2+ 33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Bb3 Kf8 35.Rxc6 Nb4 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Ra8 g5 38.Ra7+ Kf6 39.Rf7+ Ke5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Re6+ ½-½ Naiditsch,A (2626)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2670) FRA-chT Top 16 GP Basse 2005 (11.1)]

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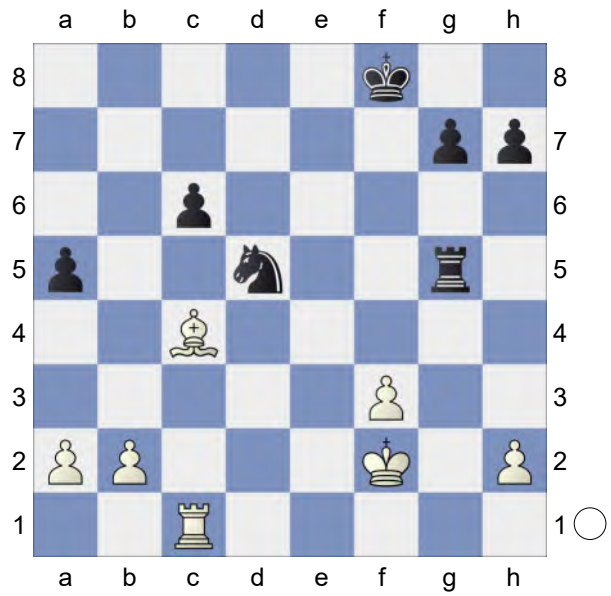
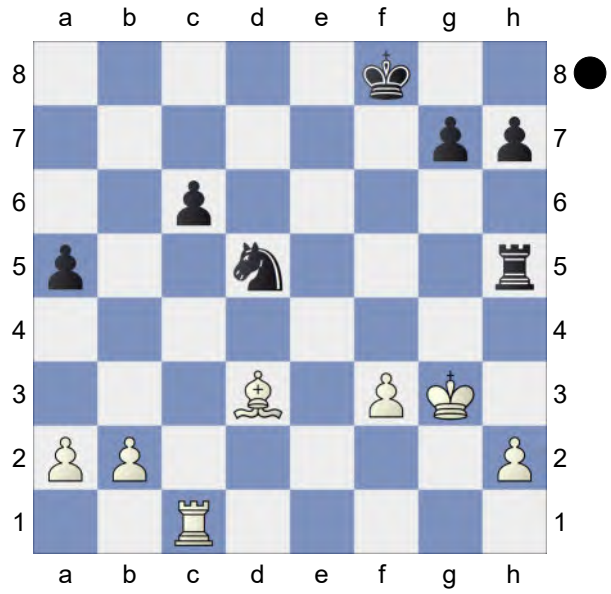


31.Bd3 Rh5N

[Vorgänger: 31...Ne7 32.Be4 Rh5 33.Kg3 Rg5+ 34.Kf2 Rh5 35.Kg3 -0.01/22 *(35.Kg2± 0.36/24)* 35...Rg5+= 36.Kf2 ½-½ Deac,B (2643)-Sargissian,G (2664) FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (6)]

32.Kg3 Rg5+ 33.Kf2 Rh5 34.Kg3



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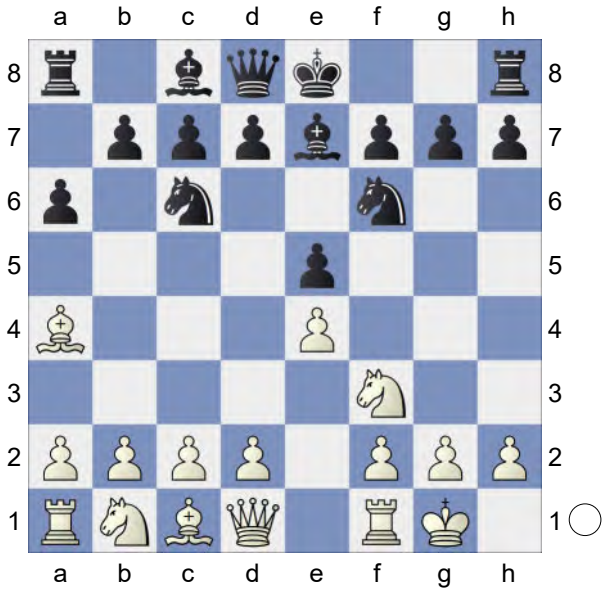
89 **C89**
□ **Priasmoro,Novendra** **2499**
■ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2573**
Agzamov Memorial 17th (5) 30.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Piket,Jeroen; Blatny,Pavel: 'Piket,J; Blatny,P: '56/378 ''CCLA 2nd Placing C. E.Edwards Prize 1963. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Bb7

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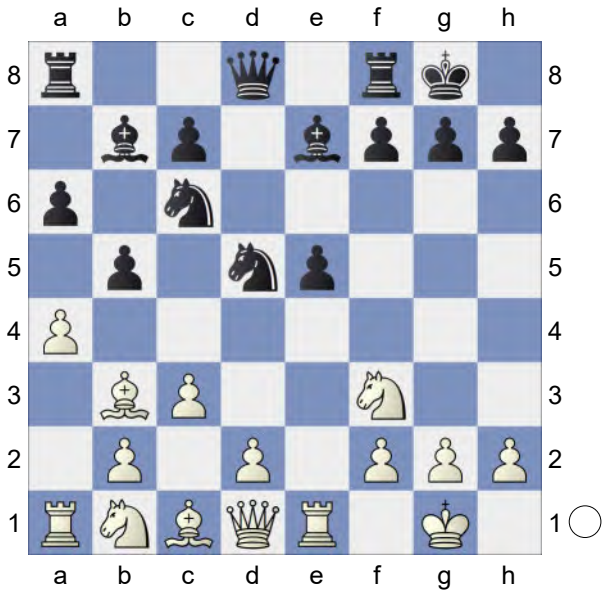


11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d4!
13.d4 is better than 13.Nxe5.13.d4 ist besser als 13.Sxe5.

[13.Na3 simplifies Na5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.Nxe5 Bxa3 16.bxa3 f6 17.Ng4]

[13.d3 Bf6 14.Nbd2 Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Nd4 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 ½-½ Piket,J (2615)-Blatny,P (2480) EU-chT (Men) 10th 1992 (8.1)]

13...exd4 14.Qd3! b4N

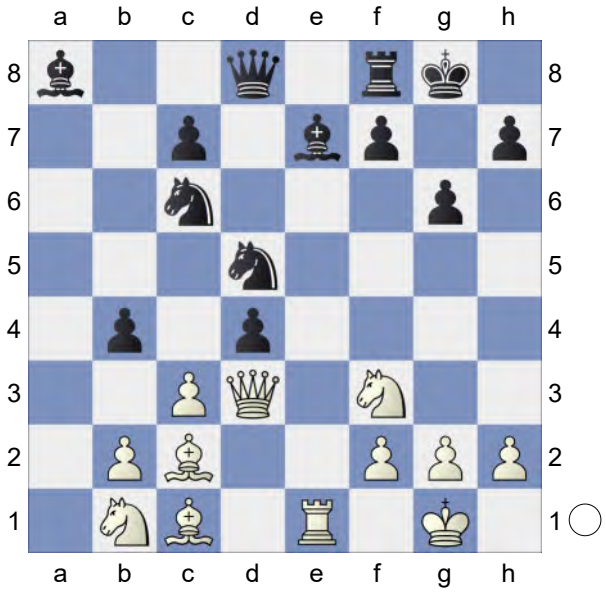
[14...Nf6 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Be3 Na5 17.Qxb5 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Bd6 19.Nbd2 Ng4 20.h3 Bd5 21.Qd3 Nf6 22.Ra1 Qb8 23.b3 h6 24.Ra5 c6 25.Ra1 Qd8 26.Qc2 Bb8 27.Qf5 g6 28.Qc2 Kh7 29.Rc1 0-1 Engin,E (1512)-Atayman,E (1683) TUR Cup Denizli 2023 (9) Qd7 30.Qd1 Qf5 31.Nc4 Nd7 32.Rc3 Bxf3 33.gxf3 Qxh3 34.f4 Bxf4 35.f3 Bh2+ 36.Kf2 Qg3+ 37.Kf1 Nf6 38.Rc2 Qh3+ 39.Rg2 Nh5 40.Qd2 Ng3+ 41.Kf2 Nh1+ 42.Kf1 Qxf3+ 43.Rf2 Ng3+

1-0 England,W-Riches,L S.A. Championship 1963]

15.Bc2N

[Vorgänger: 15.cxd4 Bf6 16.h3 Qd6 17.Bc2 g6 18.Bh6! Bg7! 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nbd2 Nf4 21.Qe3 1-0 Stankovic,M (2412)-Matta,V (2305) Arandjelovac ASK-6 GM 2022 (9)]

15...g6



...b4xc3 would now be deadly. **16.Bh6 Re8J** ...b4xc3 is the strong threat. Black is fighting back **17.Bb3** -0.62/22

[17.cxd4= 0.01/22 Bf6 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Nbd2]

17...Bf8!∓ 18.Rxe8

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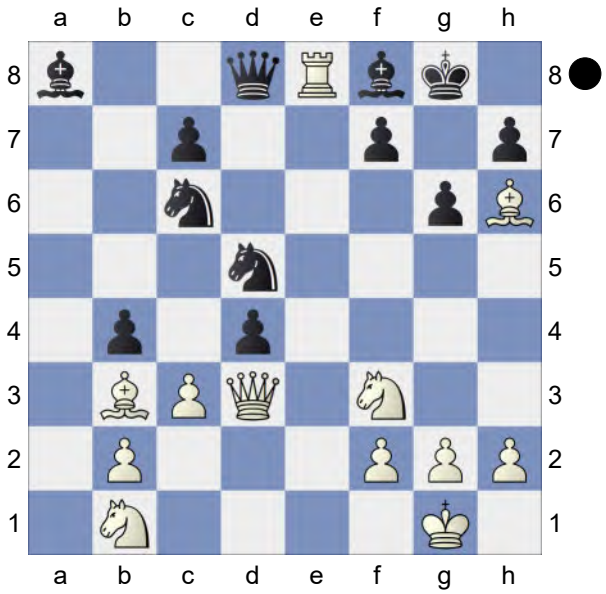
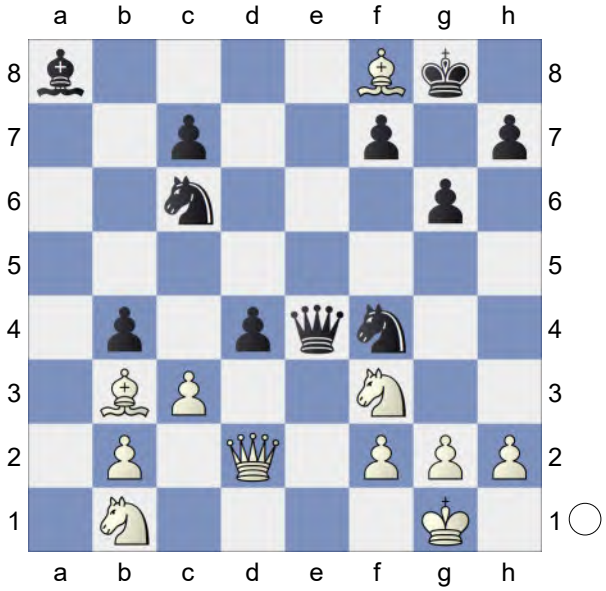


Remove Defender **18...Qxe8 19.Bxf8**

[19.Bxd5 Bxh6 20.cxd4 Ne7 21.Bxa8 Qxa8=]

19...Nf4 20.Qd2 Qe4



21.Bh6 Qxb1+ 22.Bd1 bxc3! 23.bxc3 Ne6 A dynamic duo of knights.

[Wrong is 23...dxc3? 24.Qd7 Qb8 *(24...Ne2+? 25.Kf1+-)* 25.Bxf4+-]

24.cxd4 And now d4-d5 would win.

24...Ne7 25.Ng5 -1.02/23

[25.Ne1∓ -0.33/22]

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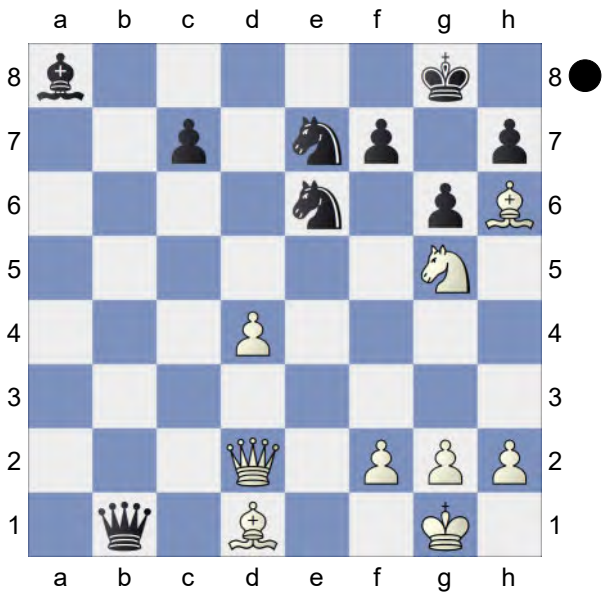
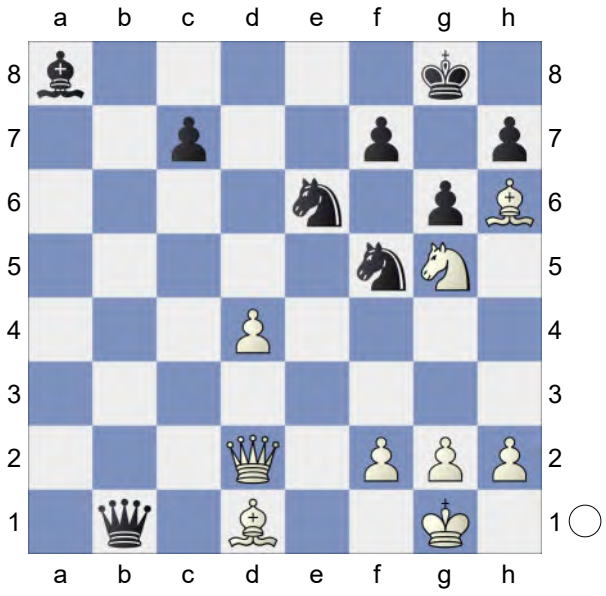


25...Nf5 -0.27/23
[Black should try 25...Nf4!∓ -1.02/23
Hoping for ...Ne7-f5! 26.h4 Nfd5
(26...Nxg2? is the wrong capture. 27.Qa5+-)]



26.Nxe6= fxe6 27.Be3 Bd5
aiming for ...Nf5xe3. **28.Qc2 Qxc2**
29.Bxc2 Kf7 30.Bxf5

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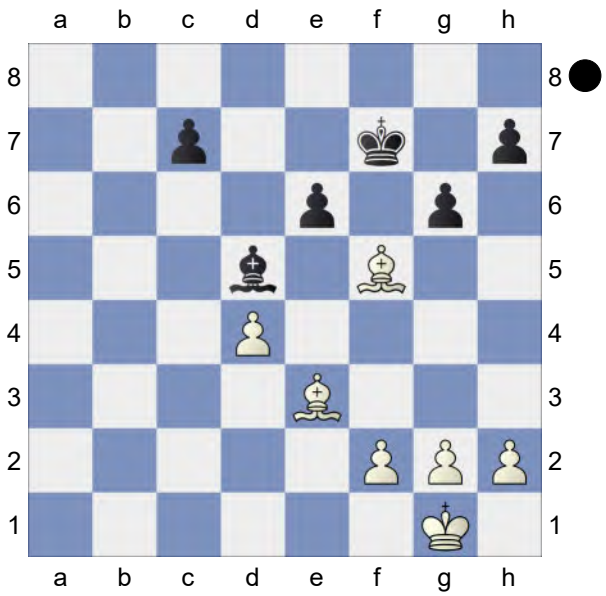

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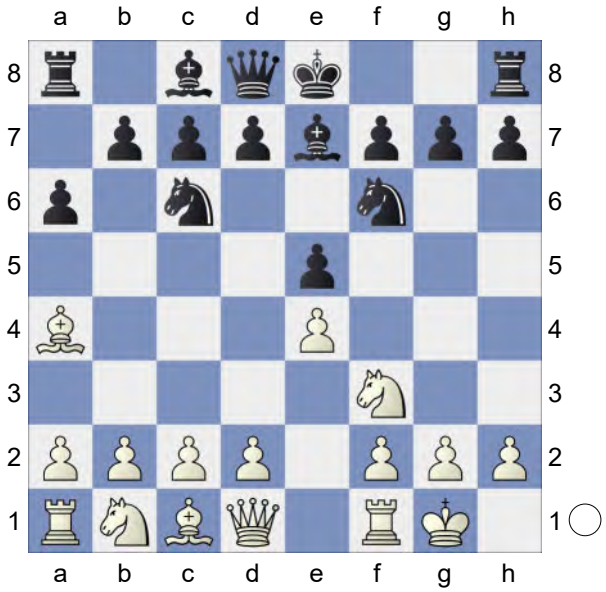
½-½

90 **C89**
□ **Kunka,Harshid** **2331**
■ **Yim,Sung Ho1** **2280**
Las Vegas 1000 GM June GM-A (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 0.11/19
[9.exd5± 0.59/22 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5]
9...dxe4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5!

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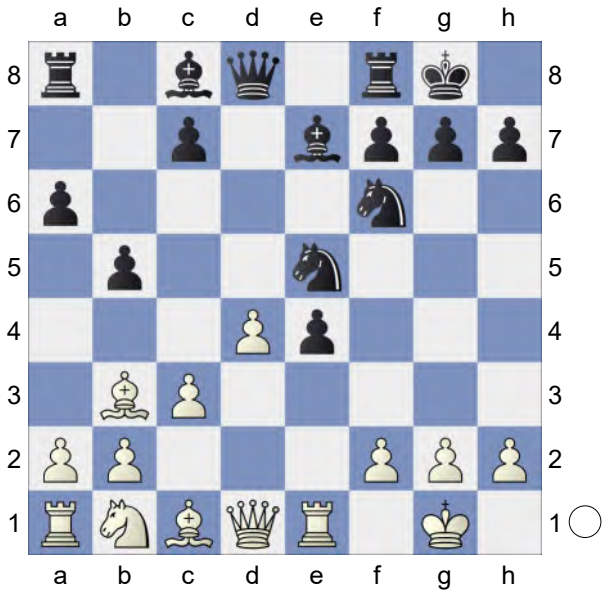
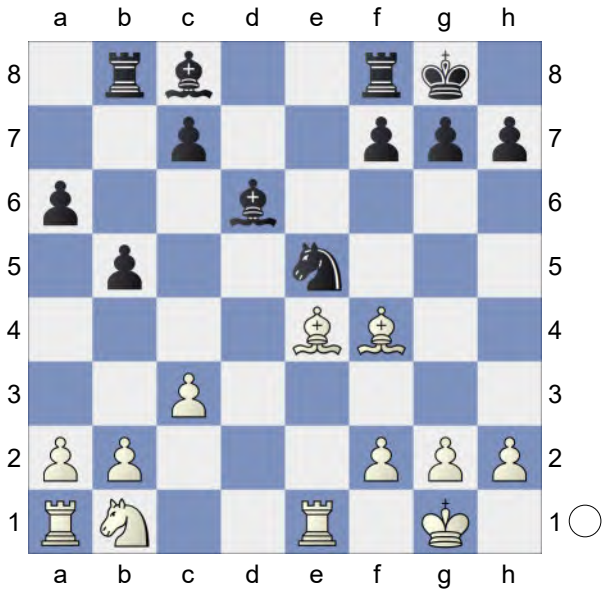


10...Nxe5 is better than 10...Bb7.
10...Sxe5 ist besser als 10...Lb7.
11.dxe5 Qxd1 White has an edge.
12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 The position is equal. **13...Nxe5 14.Bxe4 Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6**



16.Bxe5 Bxe5

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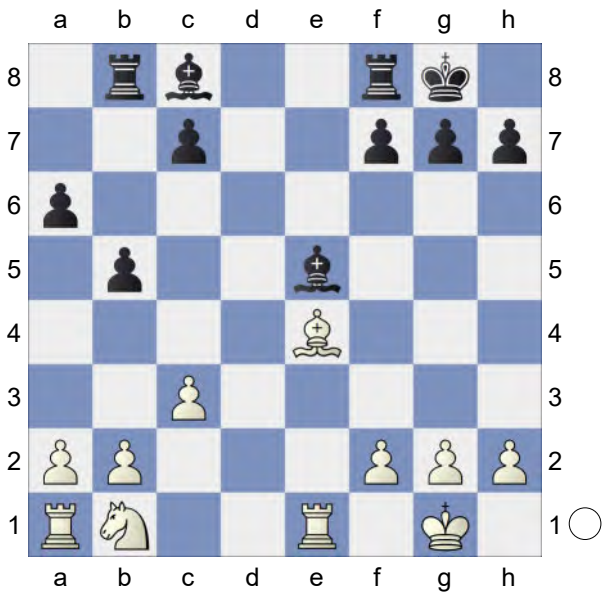
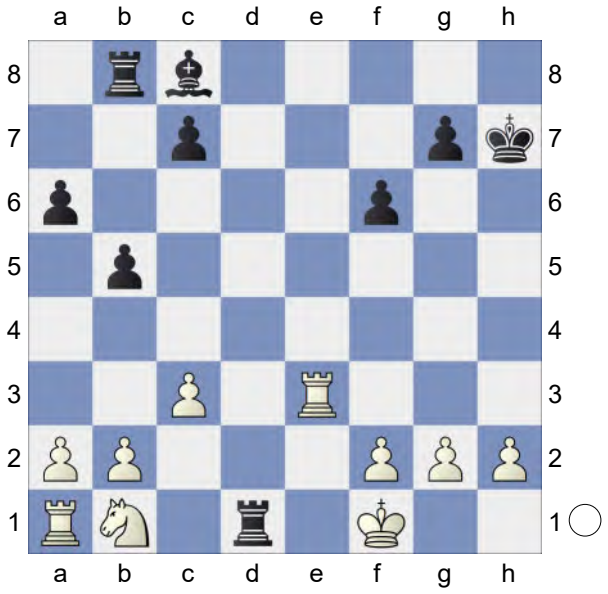
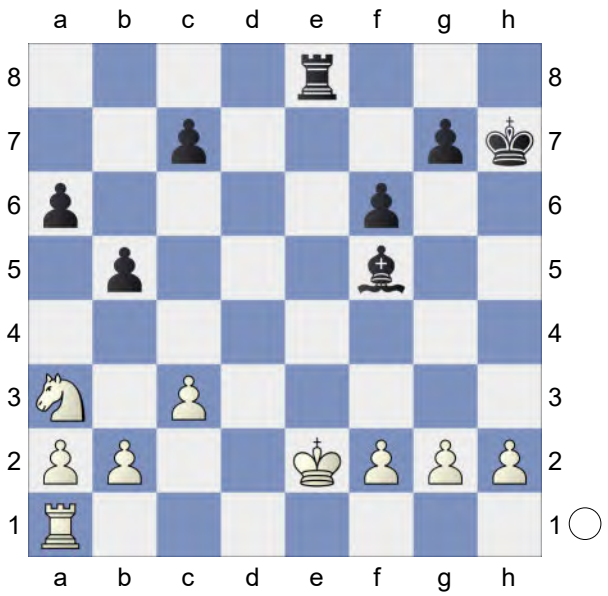


17.Bxh7+! Discovered Attack **17...Kxh7 18.Rxe5 Rd8** Prevents Nb1-d2. (-> ... Rd8-d1+) **19.Kf1 f6 20.Re3 Rd1+**

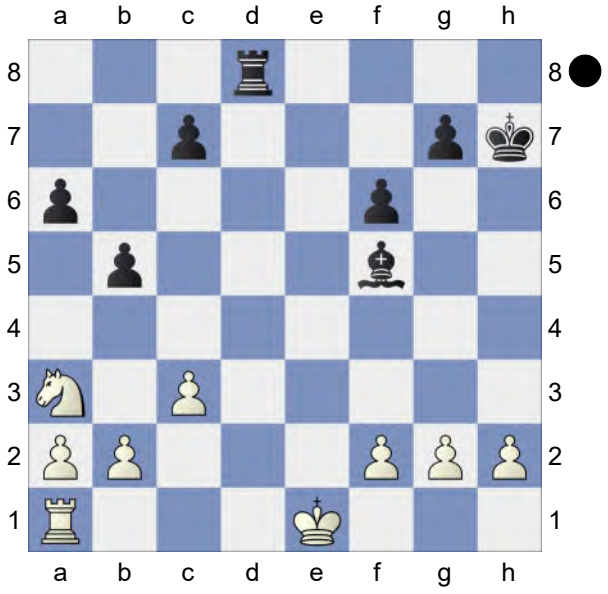


21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1= Endgame. KRB-KRN **22...Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Rd8+! 25.Ke2 Re8+**

(Diagram)



26.Kd2 Rd8+! 27.Ke3 Re8+ 28.Kd2N
[Vorgänger: 28.Kf3 Be4+ 29.Kg3 Bg6 30.Kf3 Prevents Re8-e2 Be4+ 31.Kg3 Bg6 ½-½ Mastrovasilis,D (2580)-Nikolaidis,I (2552) GRE-ch 60th Vrachati 2010 (5)]
28...Rd8+N 29.Ke1



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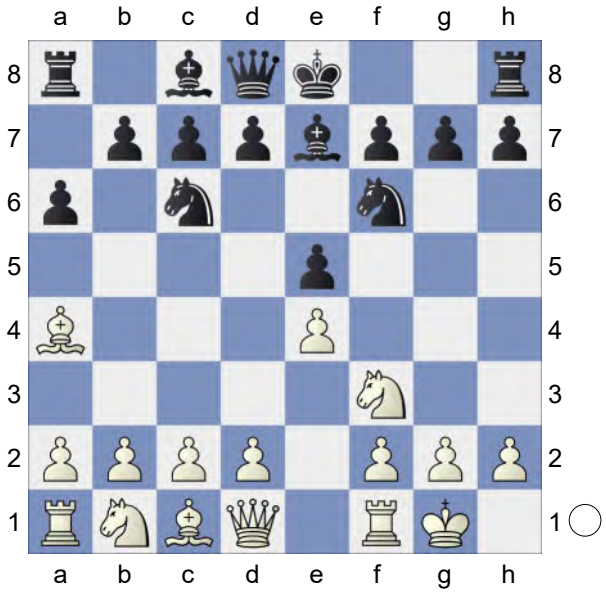
½-½

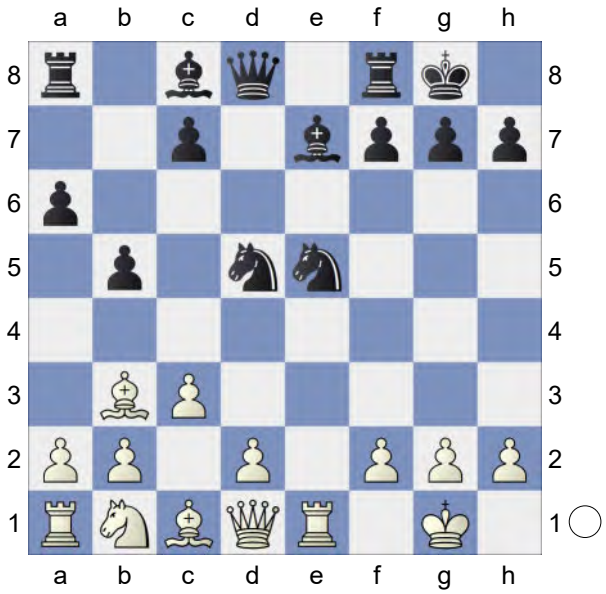
91 **C89**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2517**
■ **Sivuk,Vitaly** **2569**
Tashkent UzChess Futures (4) 09.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Sethuraman has been the talk of the tournament. After a disastrous start with 0/3, he scored 3 points in a row, drew the next and won again getting close to catching the leaders and sharing the first place. This game, unfortunately, was not going to end in his favor... **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

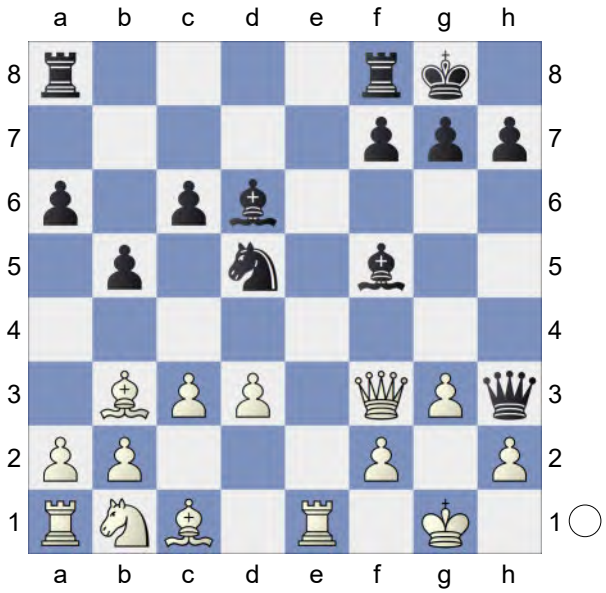


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

(Diagram)



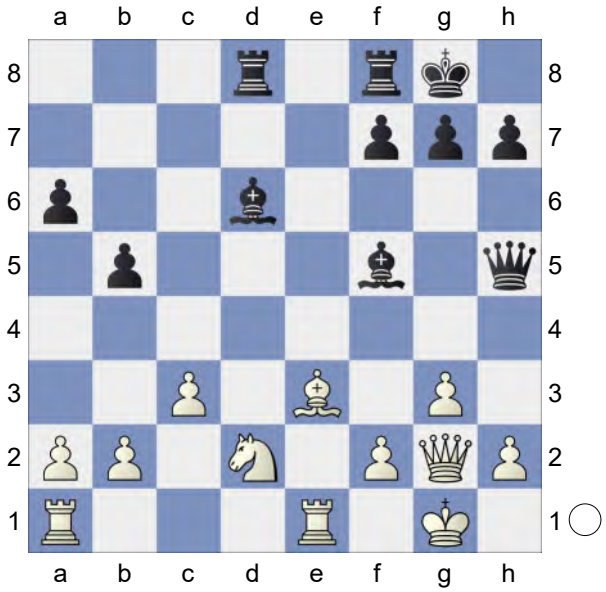
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5
The main line 13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.Die Hauptvariante 13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3**
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4? 16.g3-+)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White is slightly better.
17.Nd2 Bf5 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8
[19...Rfd8 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 *(22...bxc3 23.Bxc3*

Be6 24.Ne4 Bf8 25.a3 h6 26.Re3 Rac8 27.Rae1 Rc6 28.f3 Be7 29.h4 Rd5 30.R1e2 h5 31.Nf2 Bc5 32.Re5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Bxa3 34.Rxh5 Be7 35.Ra5 Bc4 36.Ra4 f6 37.Ng4 1-0 Sarana,A (2664)-Sethuraman,S (2634) Saint Louis A 2019 *)* 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3 ½-½ Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburg (m/1) 142/(126) 2019]

20.Qg2 Qh5



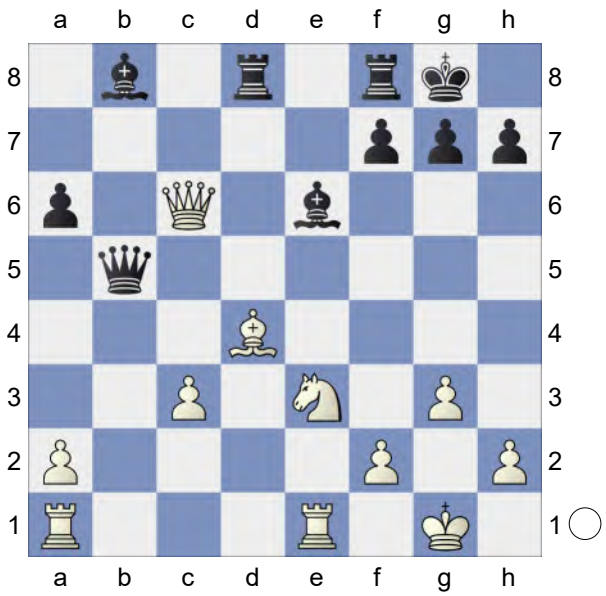
21.Bd4 b4N

[Vorgänger: 21...Be6 22.Qf3 Qg6 23.Qe4 0.30/20 Qh5= 24.Qf3 Qg6! 25.Qe4 -0.01/17 *(*Better is *25.Qc6!±* 0.74/20 *)* 25...Qh5!= 26.Qf3 ½-½ Wang,H (2624)-Jakovenko,D (2735) RUS-CHN Summit Men 4th 2007 (5)]

22.Nc4 Bb8 23.Ne3 Strongly threatening g3-g4. **23...Be6 24.Qc6 bxc3 25.bxc3 Qb5** 1.09/21

[25...Rd6± 0.51/21 26.Qe4 Bh3]

(Diagram)



26.Qf3 0.51/20

[26.Qxb5± 1.09/21 axb5 27.Reb1]

26...Rfe8 1.04/23

[26...Qa5± 0.51/20]

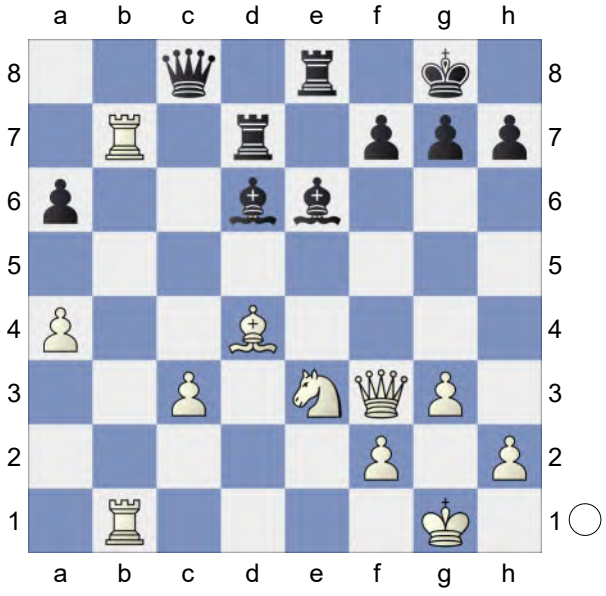
27.Rab1 Qd7 28.Rb7 Qc8 29.Reb1→ White attacks. White has more active pieces. **29...Bd6** 1.37/22

[29...Bc7± 0.67/22]

30.a4 0.87/23

[White should try 30.R1b6 1.37/22]

30...Rd7



31.h4 h6 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 1.89/24

[32...Bxd7± 0.81/23 was called for.

33.Rb6 Bc5 34.Bxc5 Deflection Qxc5 35.Rxa6 Qxc3]

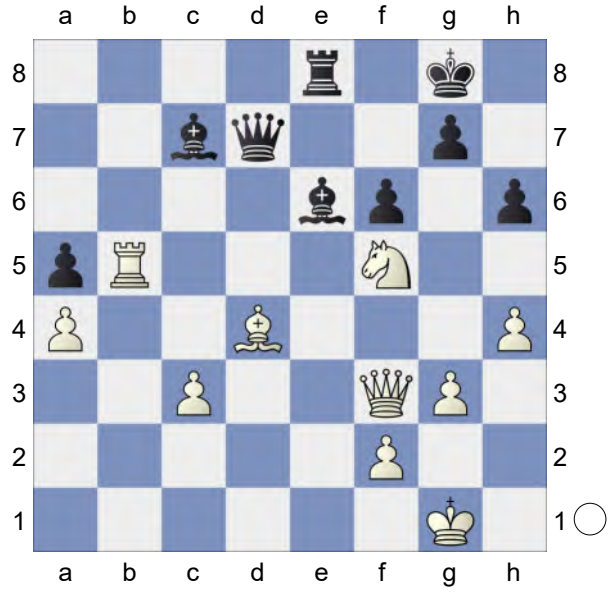
33.Rb6+- a5 34.Rb5 1.19/23

[34.Ra6+- 1.85/24]

34...Bc7± 35.Nf5 0.90/22

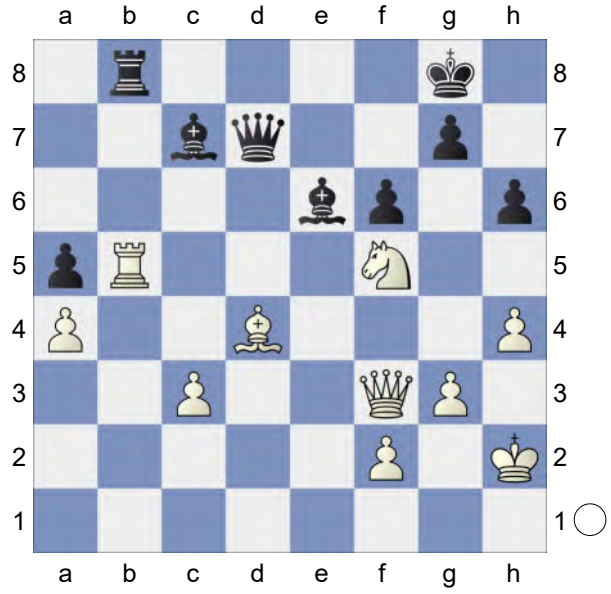
[White should play 35.Rb7 1.45/23]

35...f6



36.Kh2 Rb8 1.64/23

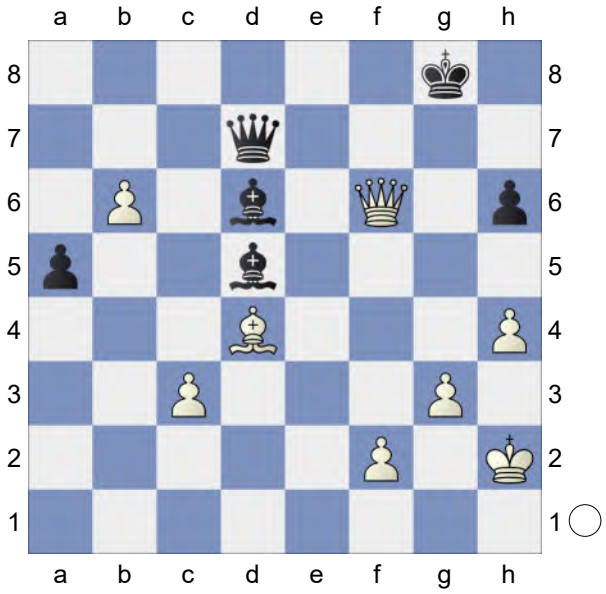
[36...Rf8± 0.87/22 37.Ne3 Rb8]



37.Nxh6+!+- Deflection **37...gxh6 38.Qxf6 Rxb5 39.axb5 Bd6 40.b6** White has strong compensation.

[40.Qxh6 Bd5]

40...Bd5



41.c4

[41.Qxh6 Kf7]

41...Bb7 1.59/23

[⌓41...Bxc4 1.14/25 42.Qg6+ *(42.Qxh6 Bd5=)* 42...Kf8]

42.Qg6+±

[42.Qxh6 Bxg3+ 43.fxg3 Qxd4 44.Qg6+ Kf8 45.Qf5+ Kg8 46.Qg6+ Kf8 47.Qf5+ Kg8 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qf5+=]

42...Kf8 43.c5! Dancing on a razor blade. **43...Bxg3+ 44.Qxg3+-** Endgame. KQB-KQB

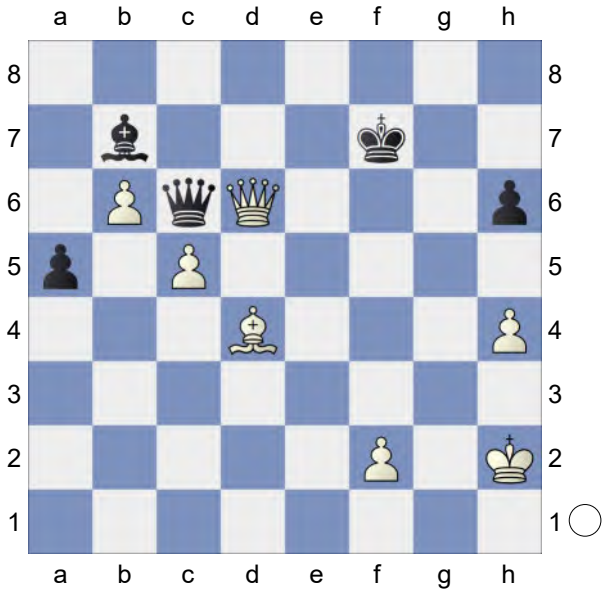
[44.Kxg3? Qxd4 45.Qe6 *(45.Qxh6+? Qg7+ 46.Qxg7+ Kxg7-+)* 45...Qc3+ *(45...Qxc5 46.Qxh6+ Ke8 47.Qg6+ Kd7 48.Qh7+ Qe7 49.Qf5+ Kd8 50.Qxa5∓)* 46.Kh2 Qxc5 47.Qxh6+ Ke8-+]

44...Qc6? 5.55/23

[44...h5 1.69/22 45.Qf4+ Ke8 46.Qe5+ Kd8 47.Qh8+ Ke7 48.Qh7+ Ke6 49.Qg6+ *(49.Qxh5 Qxd4 50.Qe8+ Kd5=)* 49...Ke7 50.Bf6+ Ke6 51.Bc3+ Kd5 52.Qd3+

(52.Bxa5 Kxc5 53.Qxh5+ Bd5±; 52.Qxh5+ Kc4+-) 52...Kc6 53.Qxd7+ Kxd7 54.Bxa5 Ke6]

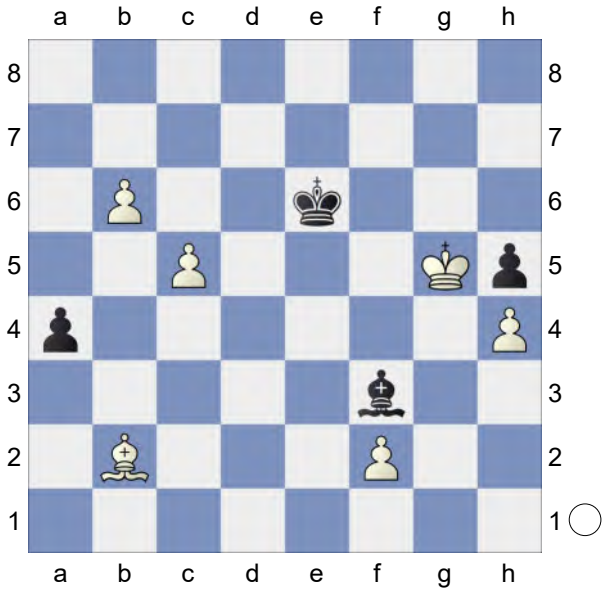
45.Qd6+ Kf7



46.Qxc6 Bxc6 KB-KB **47.Kg3 h5 48.Kf4 Ke6 49.Bb2** And now Kf4-g5 would win. **49...a4?** 8.95/27

[49...Kd7 3.96/24 50.Ke3 Bd5]

50.Kg5 Bf3



51.c6! Deflection **51...Bxc6 52.Kxh5 Kf5 53.Kh6 Kg4 54.h5 Be4**

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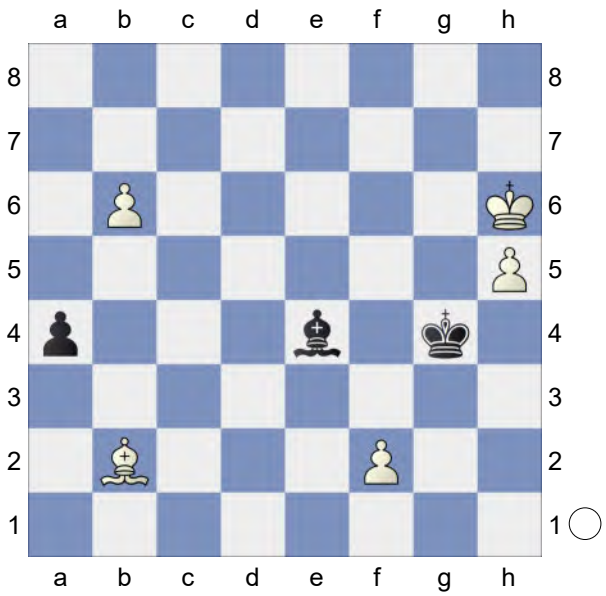
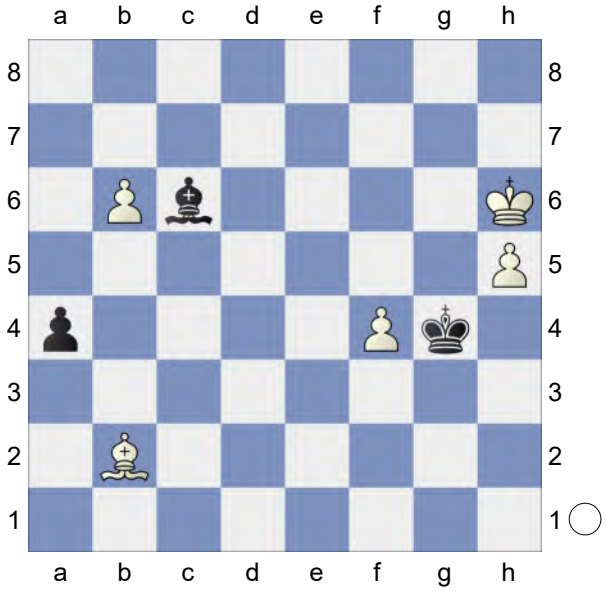


55.f4! Threatens to win with Kh6-g7.

55...Bc6 19.06/21

[⌓55...Bd5 5.00/20 56.Kg6 Bc6]

[55...Kh4 56.f5]



56.Kg7 Kxh5 57.f5

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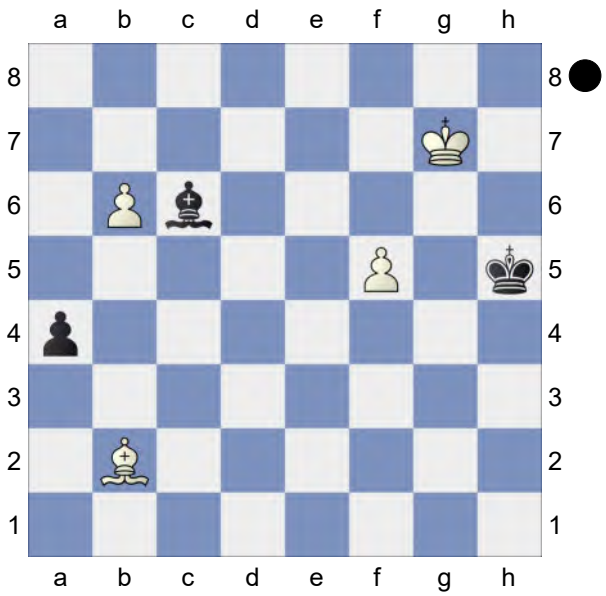

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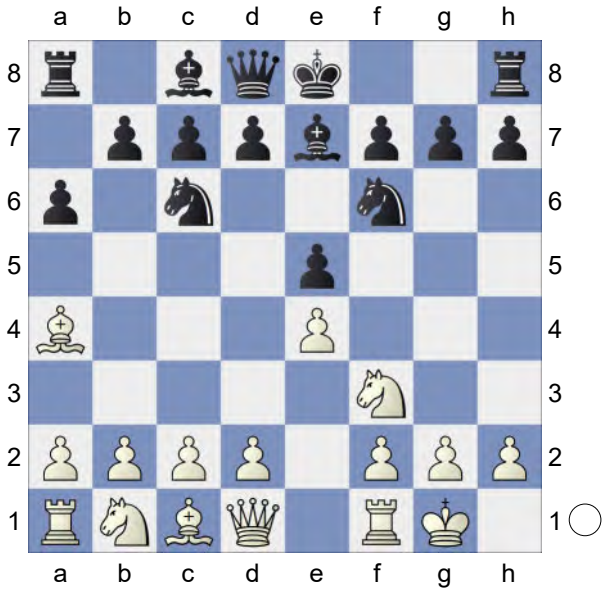
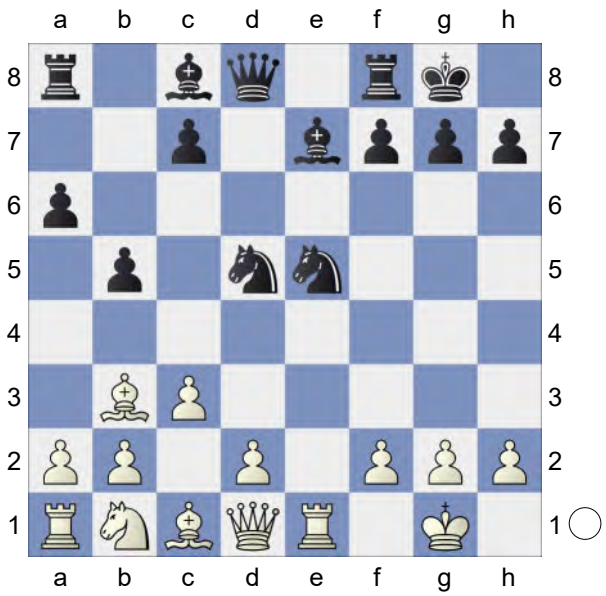
92 **C89**
□ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2291**
■ **Mammadova,Gulnar Marfat Qizi**
Swiss Queens Wed #19 blitz (2) 5.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

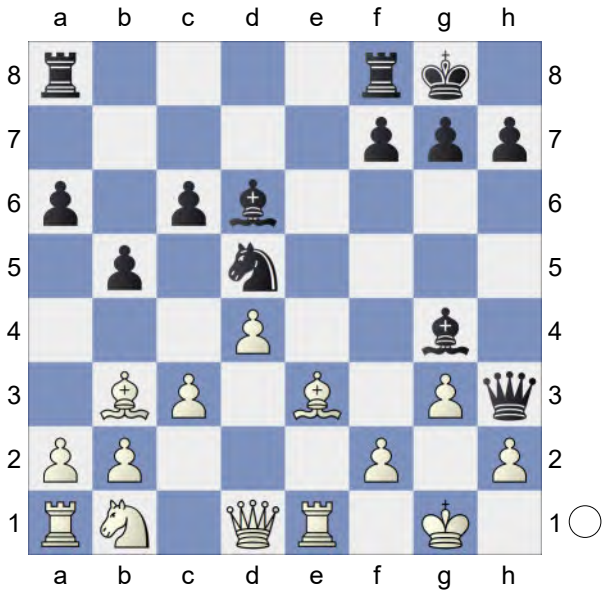
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Qh5 18.a4 f5N 1.45/23

[18...Re6= 0.27/21 keeps the balance. 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qf1 Bh3 21.Qe2 Bg4 22.Qf1 Bh3 23.Bd1 Qf5 24.Qe2 g6 25.Qf3 Qd3 26.Bb3 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Qxd2 28.Bxd5 cxd5 29.g4 Qxb2 30.Rae1 b4 31.Qxh3 Bf4 32.cxb4 Bxe3 33.Qxe3 Qxb4 ½-½ Van Foreest,J (2739)-Hanke,L (2724) Balatonbereny op 1985 (10)]

[18...Bf5 19.Qf1 Bh3 20.Bd1 Qf5 21.Qe2 c5 22.Nf3 *(22.Nb3 c4 23.Bc2 Qe6 24.Qf3 Bg4 25.Qh1 Nxc3 26.bxc3 cxb3 27.Bd3 b2 28.Rab1 Qb3 29.axb5 Qxc3 30.Be4 a5 31.h3 Bd7 32.Re2 Ba3 33.b6 Bb5 34.Rc2 Qb3 35.Rd2 Qe6 36.Rdxb2 Bxb2* ½-½ Michaut,L-Be2 B,3 Katowice POL-HUN 3rd rapid 2015 *)* 22...b4 23.Qxa6 bxc3 24.bxc3 Nxc3 25.Qxd6 Nxd1 26.Nh4 Rxe3 27.Raxd1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Qc2 29.dxc5 Qxa4 30.Ng2 Qb4 31.Qe5 Bd7 32.Nf4 Bc6 33.Nh5 9.g4 Be6 10. Ne6 fe6-Sulskis,S Cap d'(rapid) 98/ (123) 2006 f6 34.Qe7 Rf7 35.Qd8+

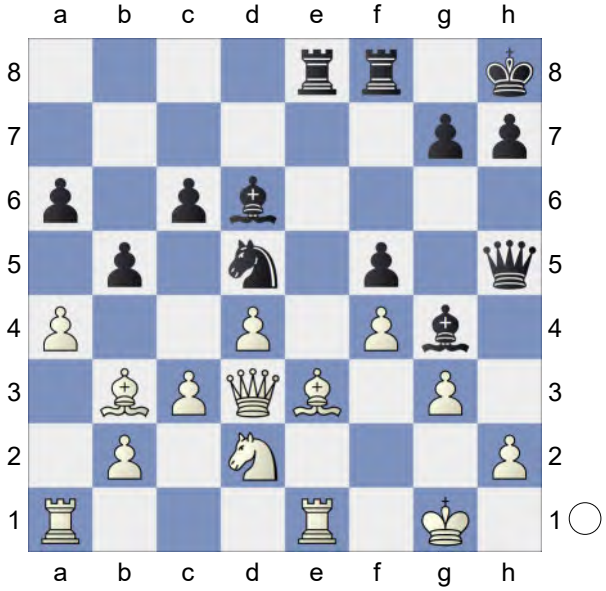
Rf8 36.Qe7 Rf7 37.Qe6 Bd7 38.Qe3 Rf8 39.Qe7 Rf7 40.Qe3 Rf8 41.Qc1 Re8 42.Rxe8+ Bxe8 9.g4 Be6 10.Ne6 fe6-Stocek,J Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) 2006]

19.f4 0.53/22

[19.axb5± 1.45/23 axb5 20.f4 *(20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.f4 Rb8±)*]

19...Kh8 1.61/22

[Better is 19...bxa4!± 0.53/22 20.Rxa4 *(20.Bxa4 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Nxe3=)* 20...Kh8 21.Bxd5 *(21.Rxa6? Nxf4 22.gxf4 Bxf4-+* Pin *)* 21...cxd5]



20.Bxd5!+- Deflection **20...cxd5**

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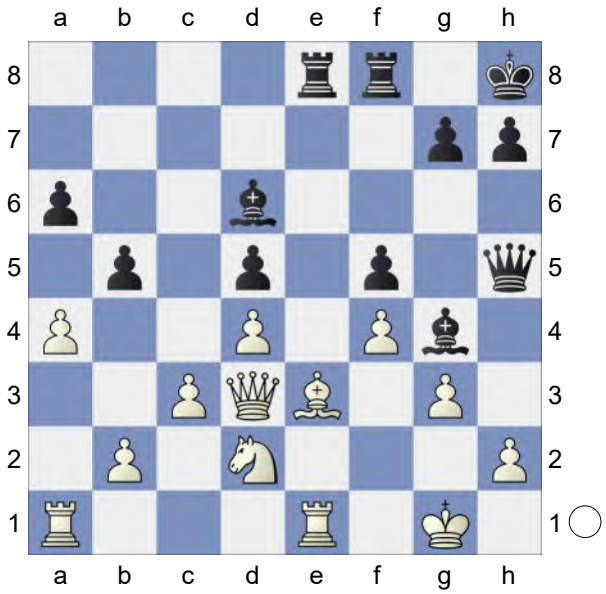
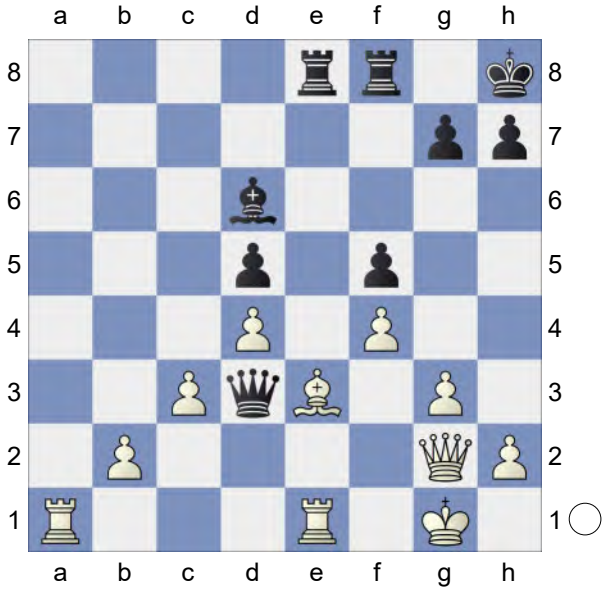


21.axb5 axb5 22.Qxb5 Bf3 3.21/23

Loses the game.

[22...Rd8± 1.22/21 23.Qxd5 Bxf4]

23.Nxf3 Qxf3 24.Qe2 Qe4 25.Qg2 Qd3



26.Rad1

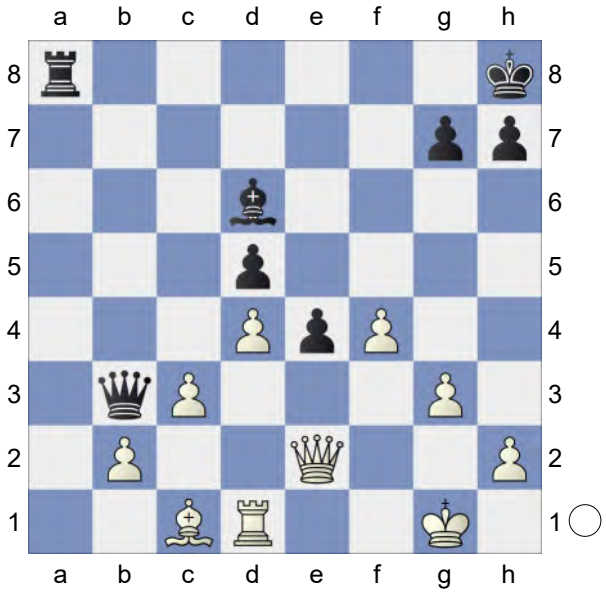
[And not 26.Qxd5 Rxe3 27.Qxd6 Rxg3+ 28.hxg3 Qxg3+ 29.Kh1 Qh3+ 30.Kg1 Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+=]

26...Qb5 27.Bc1 Re4 28.Rxe4 fxe4 29.Qf1 Qb3 2.09/22

[29...Qd7 1.69/19 was worth a try.

30.Qe2 Ra8]

30.Qe2 Ra8



31.Re1 Rc8 2.26/22

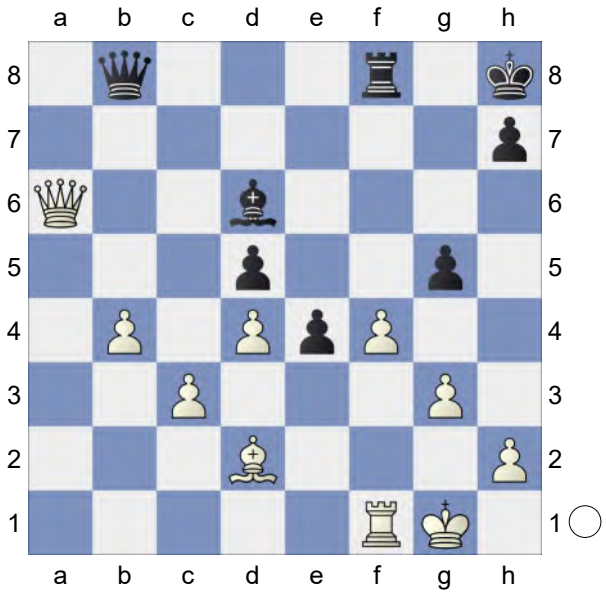
[⌓31...Be7 1.61/21 32.g4 Qb8]

32.Qa6 Qb8 33.Bd2 Rd8 34.b4 g5? 4.25/20

[34...Bf8 2.38/19 might work better. 35.c4 Bxb4]

35.Rf1 Rf8? 5.58/21

[35...Qc7 3.32/19 36.fxg5 Qe7]



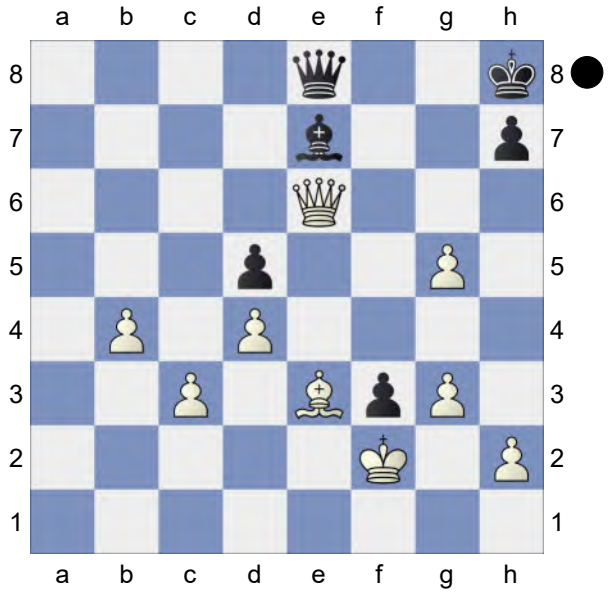
36.fxg5 White is clearly winning.

36...Rf3 37.Rxf3 exf3 38.Kf2 Qe8

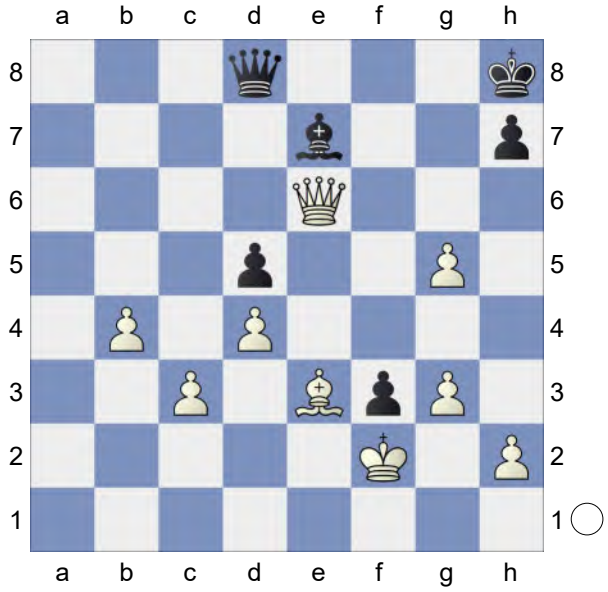
39.Be3

[39.Qxd6? is a self mate. Qe2+ 40.Kg1 Qg2#]

39...Be7 40.Qe6



Be3-f4! would kill now. **40...Qd8**



41.Bf4

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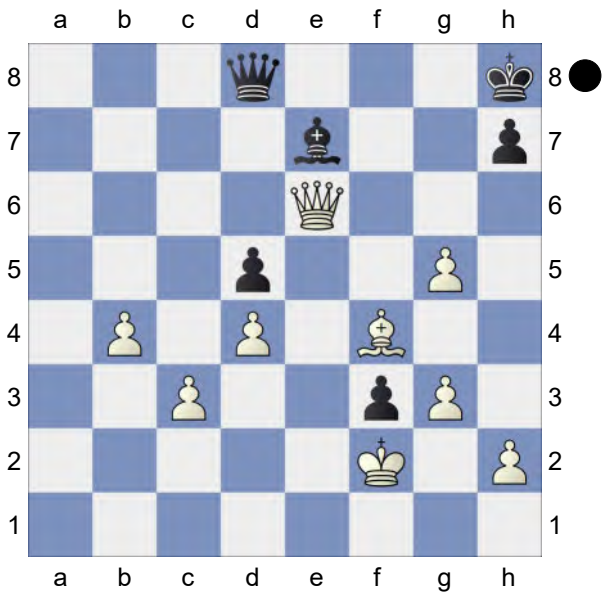

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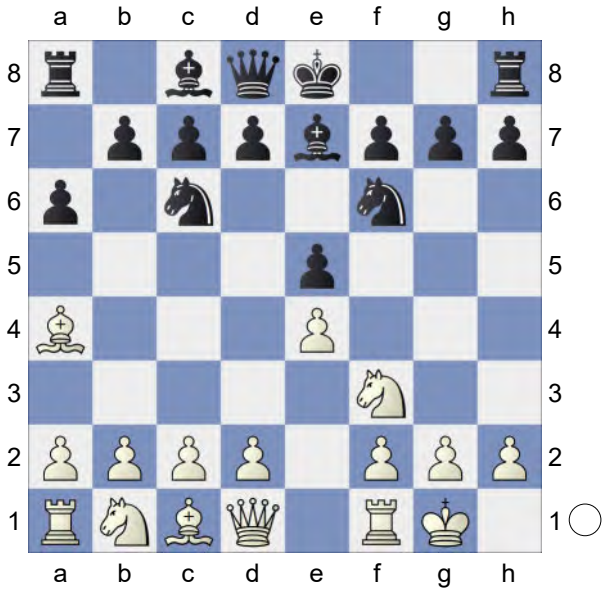
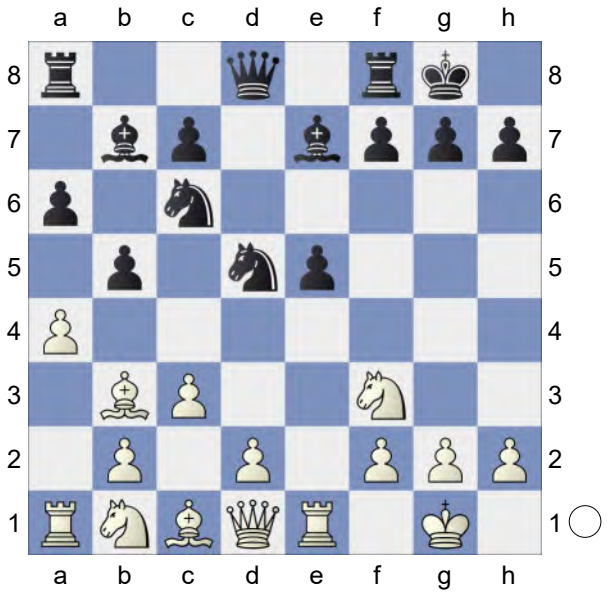
93 **C89**
□ **Lu,Shanglei** **2611**
■ **Dai,Changren** **2510**
CHN-ch Xinghua (1) 06.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

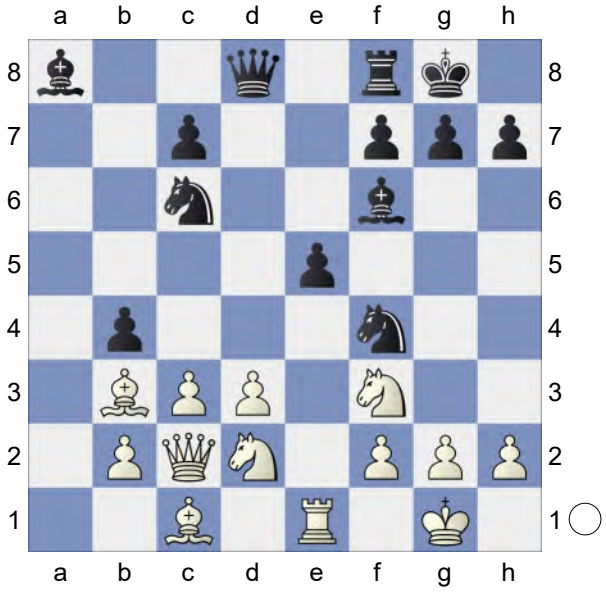
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 51/(345)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Bb7



11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d3 b4
[13...Bf6 14.Nbd2 Nf4 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Nfg5 Nxe1 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd3 19.Nxf7 Nd4 *(19...Qb1 20.h4 Nxg2 21.Kh2 Nxh4 22.Nxe5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8* The Marshall Declined-D: 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 a4 2009*)* 20.Nxe5+ Nxb3 21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3 c5 23.h4 Be4 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Qe4 Bc4 27.h5 Nbc1 28.h6 ½-½ Rakhmatullin,K (2625)-Chapter Iii (2515) 1st Sea Chess TCh, MAI 2001]
14.Qc2N
[14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bf6 16.Re4 bxc3 17.bxc3 Nxc3 18.Nxc3 Bxc3 19.Rf4 Be5 Georgiev,K (2480)-Kaidanov,G (2540) 51/(345) Torcy 1991]
14...Bf6 15.Nbd2 Nf4



The position is equal. **16.Ne4 Qxd3 17.Bxf4 Qxc2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Bxc2 exf4 20.h4 Kg7**

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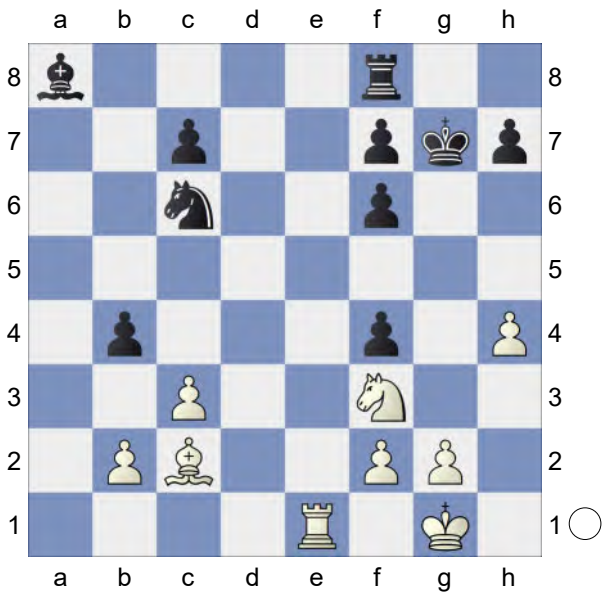
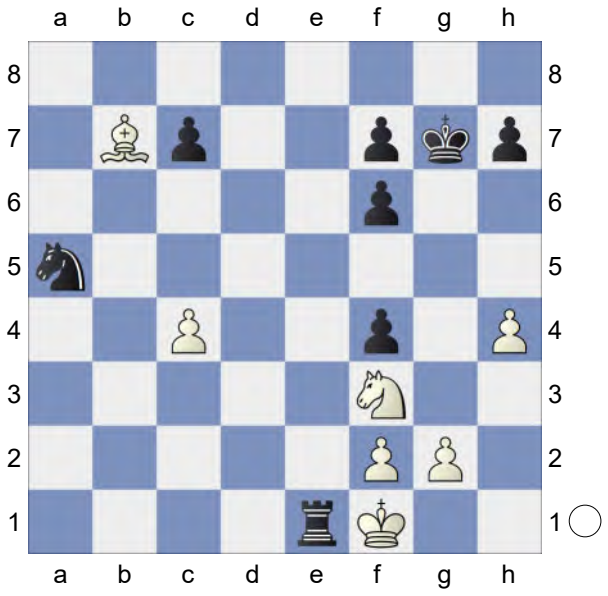
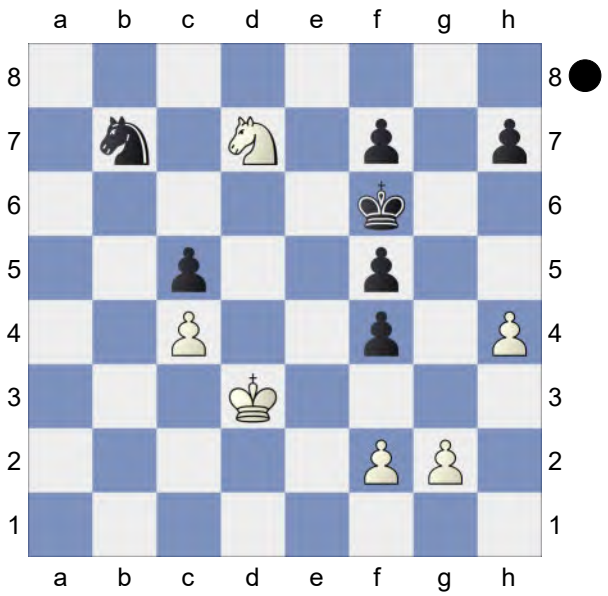


21.Be4 bxc3 22.bxc3 Re8 23.Kf1 Bb7 24.c4! Na5 -0.08/25
[24...f5∓ -0.53/27 25.Bb1 *(25.Bxf5 Rxe1+ 26.Kxe1 Ne7∓)* 25...Rxe1+ 26.Kxe1 Kf6]
25.Bxb7!= Rxe1+



26.Kxe1 -0.49/25
[26.Nxe1= -0.01/27 Nxb7 27.Nd3]
26...Nxb7∓ 27.Ke2 f5 -0.01/27
[27...c5∓ -0.59/24]
28.Kd3 c5 29.Ne5 Kf6 30.Nd7+

(Diagram)



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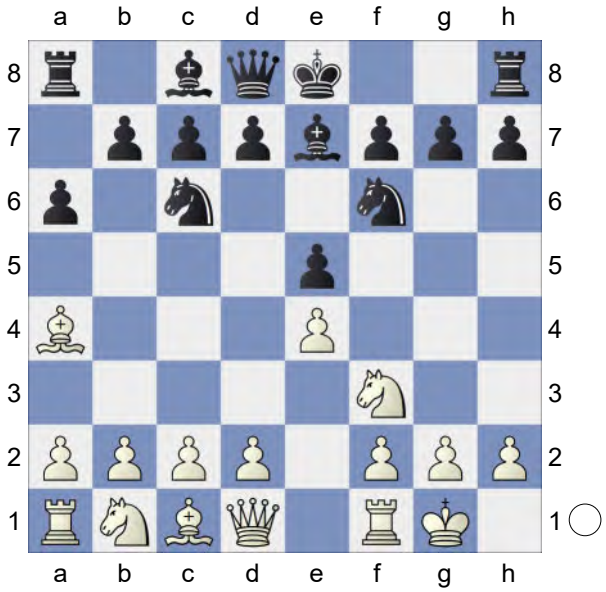
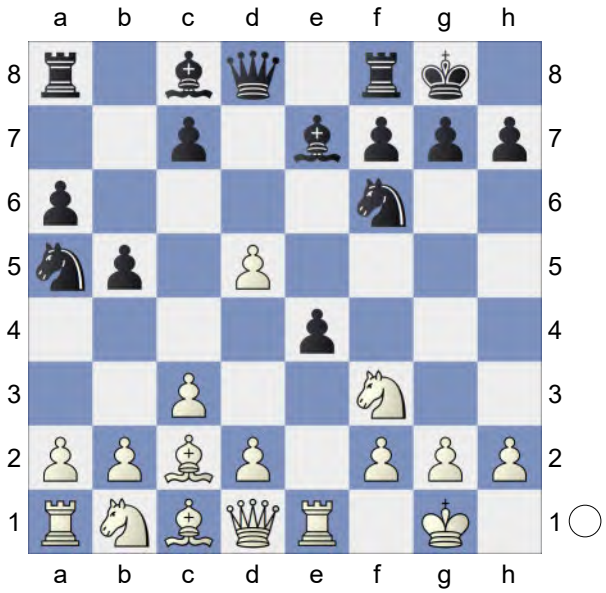
94 **C89**
□ **Sahib,Singh** **2290**
■ **Berczes,David** **2424**
Budapest SixDays 05 GM-A (1) 16.05.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

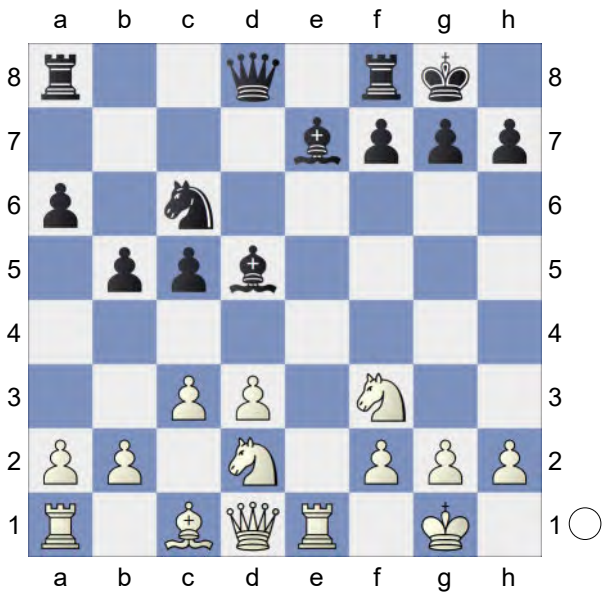


6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Rb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bb2 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ng3 Qf7 23.Rc2 c5 24.bxc5* ½-½ Mammadova,G (2336)-Vidic,T (2128) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (4.12)*)* 10.Be3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nd5 c4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.h3 Be6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.c3 cxd3 18.Qxd3 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 d5 20.Nd2 Qe6 0-1 Annakov,B (2708)-Molina,R (2850) EU-chT (Men) 2003 (6.1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 8.a4 is the modern continuation.
8.a4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
8...Na5 9.Bc2 d5 10.exd5 e4!

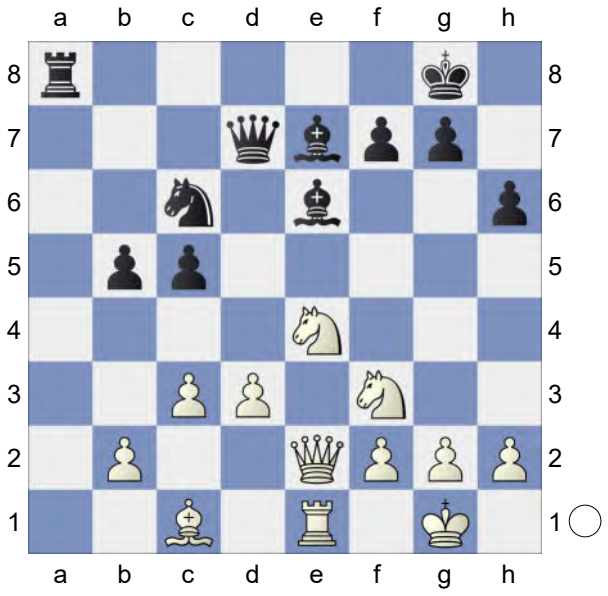


11.Bxe4 Nxe4 12.Rxe4 Bb7 13.d3 Hoping for Qd1-e1. **13...Bxd5 14.Re1 c5 15.Nbd2N** 0.00/18
[Vorgänger: 15.Bf4± 0.43/20 Nc6 16.Nbd2 Qd7 17.Re3 Rfe8 18.h3 Rad8 19.Qc2 f6 20.Rae1 Bf7 21.Nb3 ½-½ Birkbeck,B (2341)-Deakin,C (2278) WLS/SRCCC/21/D2 2021 [3]]
15...Nc6 0.42/19
[15...Re8= 0.00/18]

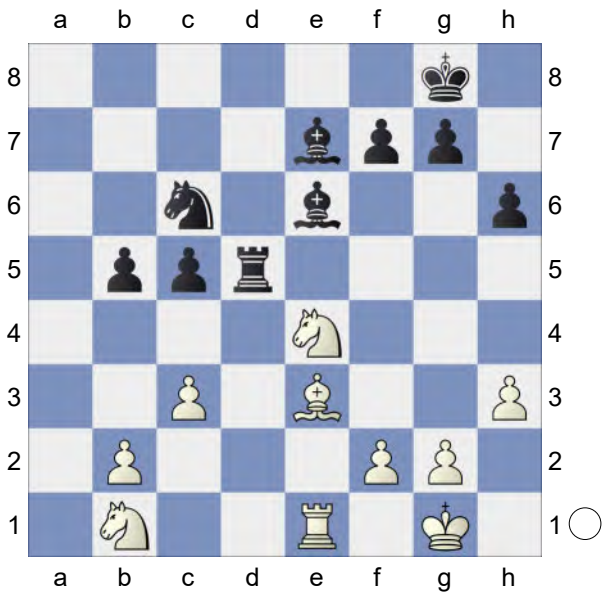
(Diagram)



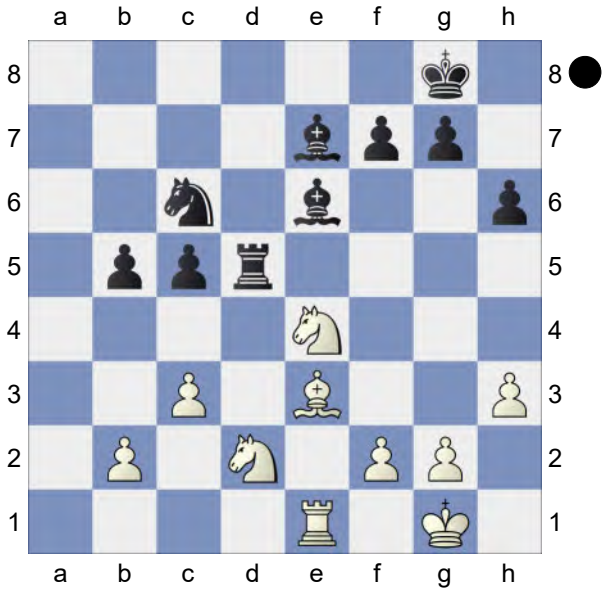
16.a4 Qd7 0.55/21
[16...b4= 0.07/18 is superior.]
17.axb5 0.15/21
[17.Ne4± 0.55/21]
17...axb5= 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qe2 Be6 20.Ne4 h6



21.Be3 Qd5 22.h3 -0.12/20
[22.Ng3± 0.33/20 deserves consideration.]
22...Rd8 23.Nfd2 -0.48/22
[23.Qd1= 0.01/21]
23...Qxd3∓ 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Nb1 Rd5



aiming for ...Nc6-e5. **26.Nbd2** -1.11/21
[26.c4= -0.13/22 bxc4 27.Nbc3]



26...Ne5!∓ 27.Nb3 -1.74/22
[27.g4∓ -0.97/20]

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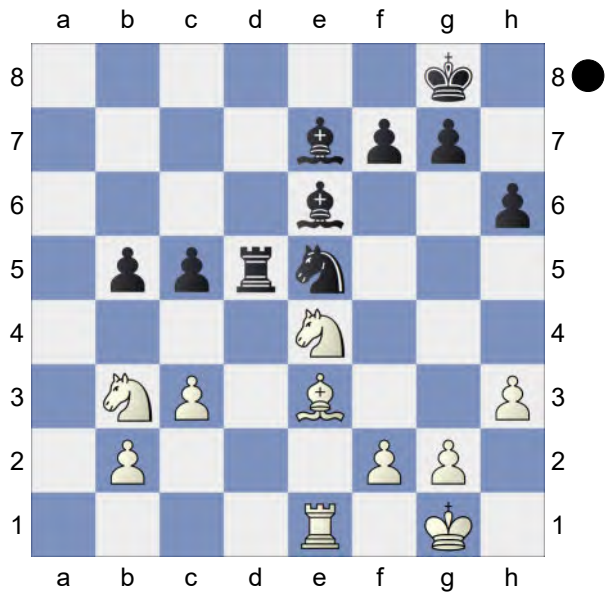
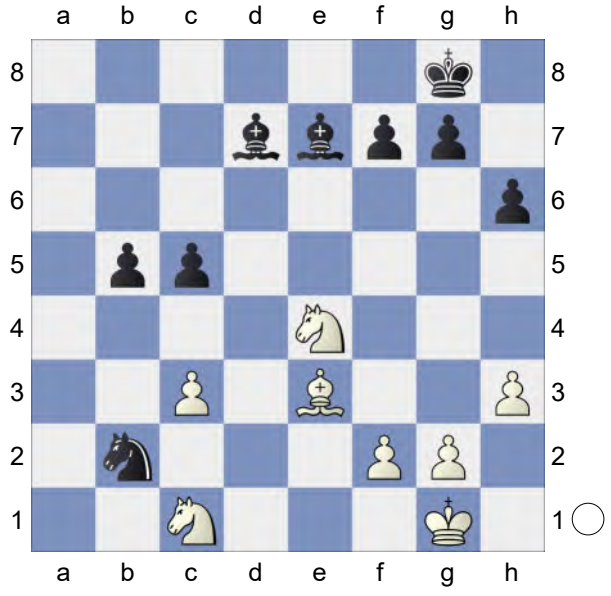


27...Nd3!↑ White is under strong pressure. **28.Rd1 Rd7** -0.75/22
[Better is 28...Nxb2 -1.51/23 29.Rxd5 Bxd5 30.Bxc5 Kf8 31.Bxe7+ Kxe7]
29.Nc1∓ Nxb2 30.Rxd7 Bxd7



31.Nxc5 Bf5 Strongly threatening ...Nb2-d1. **32.N1b3 Na4 33.Bd4 Bc2** -0.43/23
[33...Bd6∓ -0.83/20 34.Na6 Ba3]
34.Kf1∓ Nb2 35.Ke2 h5

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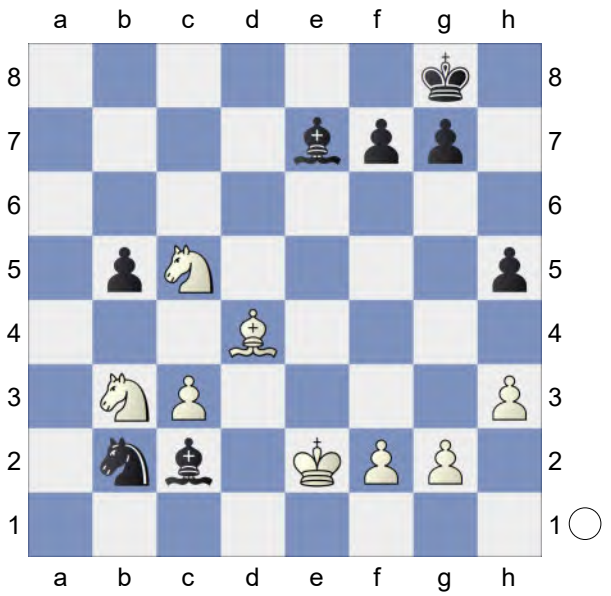
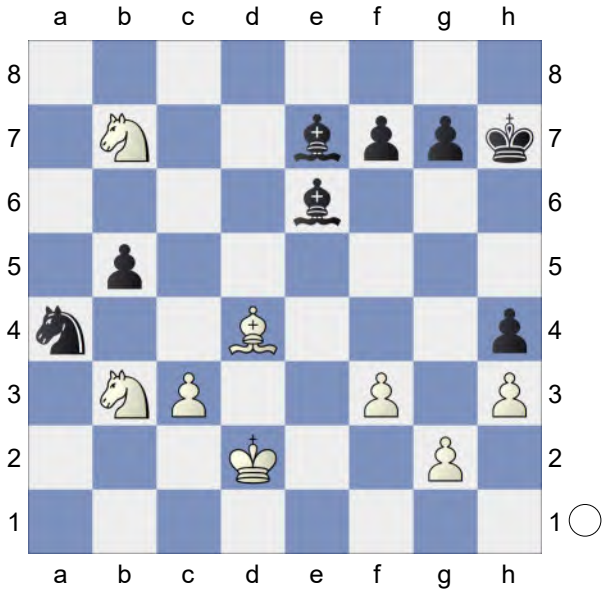


36.Kd2 Bf5 37.f3 h4 38.Ke2 Na4 39.Kd2 Kh7 40.Nb7 Be6



41.Nc1 -1.16/25
[White should try 41.N7a5∓ -0.54/22]
41...Bd5 -0.58/24
[41...Bc8∓ -1.16/25 42.Na5 Bg5+ 43.Kd1 Nb2+ 44.Kc2 Bxc1]
42.Na5 Bd8 43.Nab3 Bc4 ...Bc4-f1 is the strong threat. **44.Ke3 Nb6 45.Nd2 Bg5+** -0.01/27
[45...Be6∓ -0.50/21 was preferrable.]

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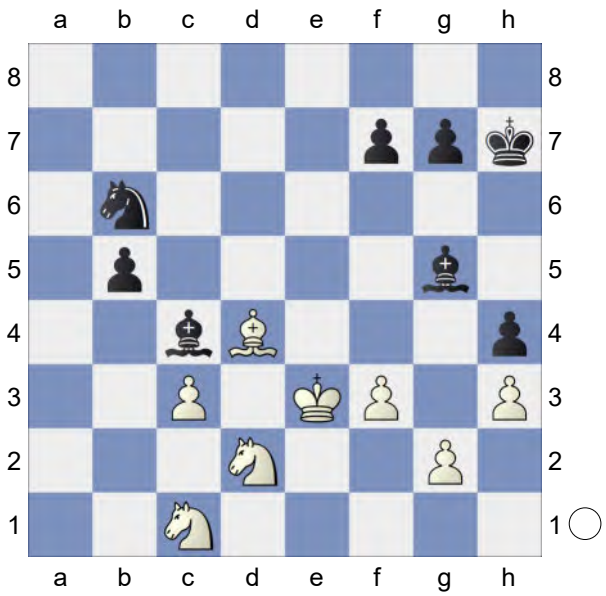
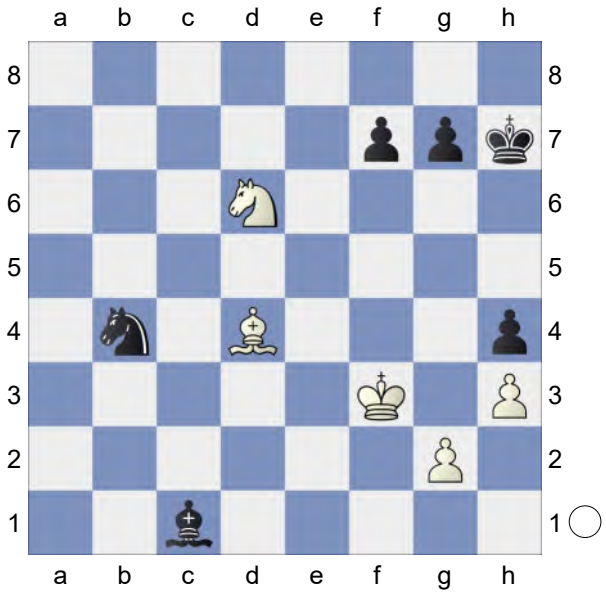


This pair of bishops is nice. **46.f4= Nd5+ 47.Kf3** -0.68/26
[47.Ke4= 0.00/26 Nxf4 48.Nxc4 bxc4 49.Be3]
47...Bxf4 0.29/24
[47...Nxf4∓ -0.68/26 48.Nxc4 bxc4]
48.Nxc4 Bxc1 49.Nd6 b4 50.cxb4
[50.Nxf7 b3 *(50...bxc3 51.Ke4=; 50...Nxc3 51.Ne5∓)* 51.c4 Ne7-+]
50...Nxb4



51.Nxf7

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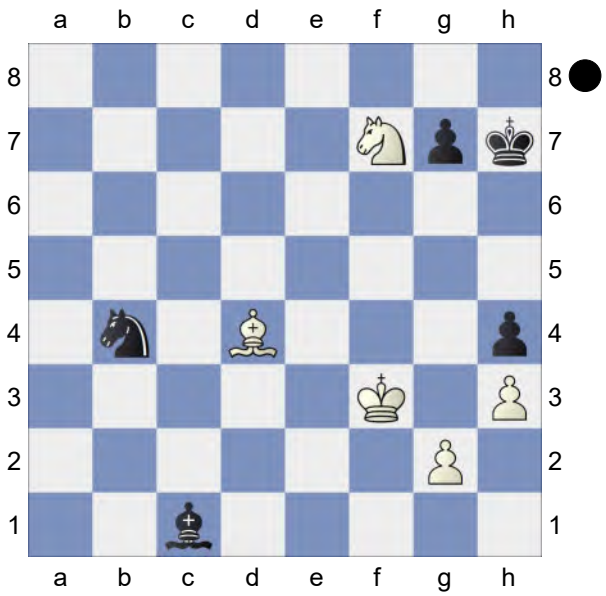

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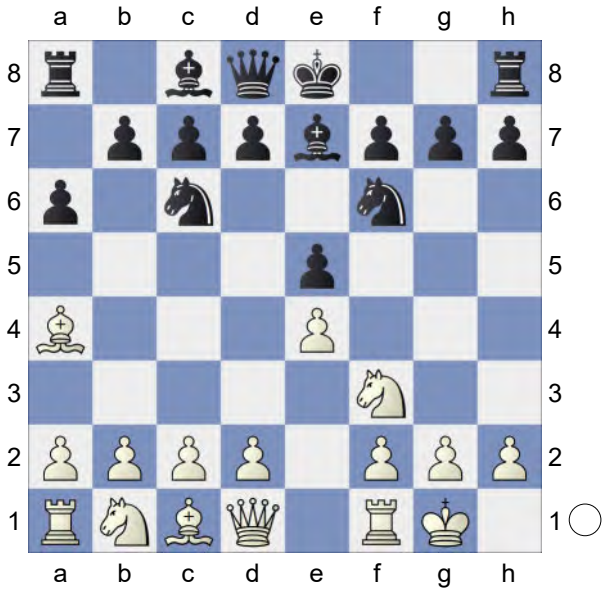
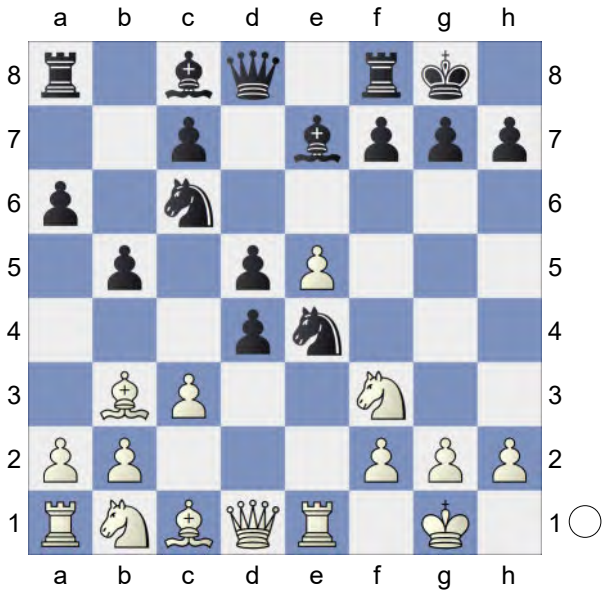
95 **C89**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2665**
■ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2672**
HUN-ch Rapid (8) 21.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Ne4



11.cxd4 Bf5! 11...Bf5 is better than 11...Bg4. 11...Lf5 ist besser als 11...Lg4.
12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Re8N
[13...Na5 14.Bc2 Bxc2 15.Qxc2 Nc4 16.a4 *(16.Bf4 Rc8 17.Nd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Be3 Rfd8 22.h3 h6 23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.Re3 Qc6 25.Rd3 Rc8 26.Qf4 Qe6 27.Qe3 Qc6 28.Qf4 Qe6 29.Qe3 Qc6 30.Qf4 Rb8* ½-½ Antolak,J (2315)-Urh,Z (2221) EU-Cup (Women) 26th 2022 (3.3) *)* 16...Qd7 17.Bg5 bxa4 18.Rxa4 a5 19.Rea1 Rfb8 20.R4a2 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 g6 22.h3 Rb6 23.Nf3 Rab8 24.Qc1 Kg7 25.Kh2 Qf5 26.Nd2 Nb2 27.Nf3 a4 28.Rxa4 0-1 Sanjuan Garcia,M (2680)-Moiseenko,A (2718) 102/57 Russia 2008 (4)]
[13...Qd7 14.Bg5 Ba3 15.Qe2 h6 16.Bf4 Na5 17.Bc2 Nc4 18.Rad1 Be7 19.h3 a5 20.Nh2 Ra6 21.Ng4 b4 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Bd2 Rg6 24.Kf1 c5 25.Ne3 Nxe3+ 26.Qxe3 c4 27.g4 Qc2 28.Rc1 Campos (2718)-Buchicchio,G (2781) Mostoles op 12th 2023]
14.a4N Black must now prevent a4xb5.
[Vorgänger: 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Bxf5 Qxf5 16.Re3 Na5 17.Ne1 c5 18.Nd3 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rac8 20.Rf3 ½-½ Kiryaev,D-Schakel,C (2335) Champion's League 12/C9 email 2012 [3]]
14...b4 15.Bc2 Qd7

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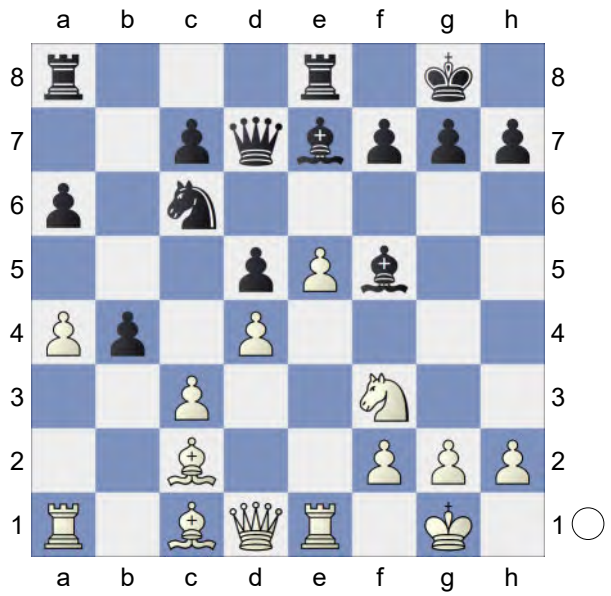
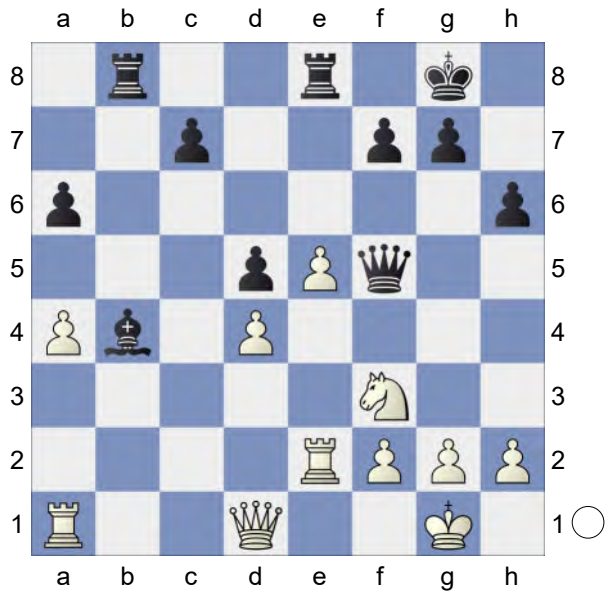


16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Bd2 Rab8 18.cxb4 Nxb4 19.Bxb4 Bxb4 20.Re2 h6



21.Rc2 Qd7 22.Ne1 Bxe1 23.Qxe1 f6 24.f4 Qf5 25.Qd2 Rb7

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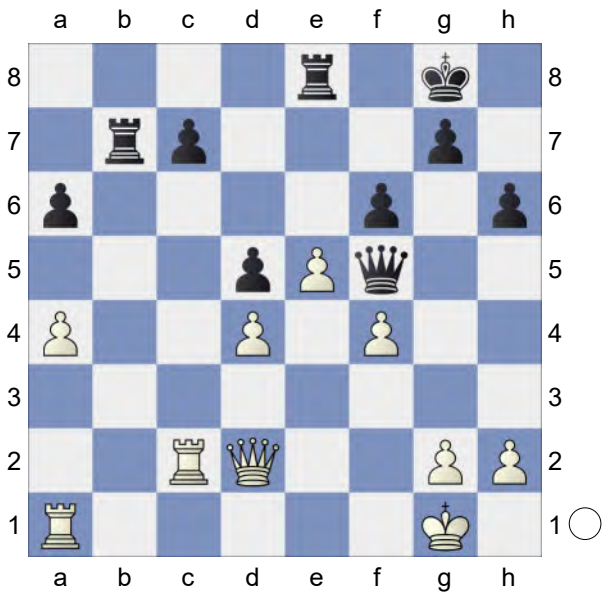
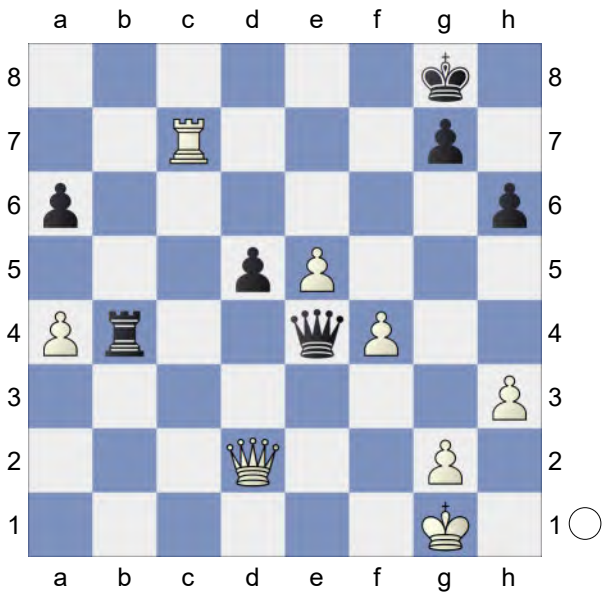
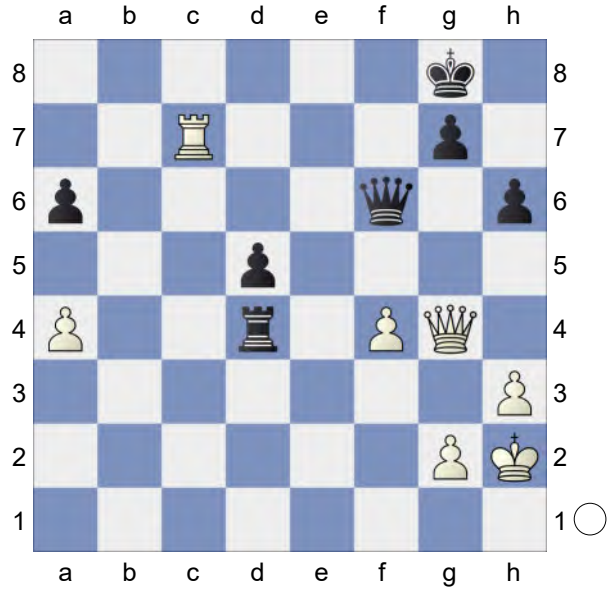


26.Rac1 Reb8 27.Rxc7 0.01/23
[27.h3!± 0.75/21]
27...Rxc7= 28.Rxc7 fxe5 0.94/23
[28...Qe4!= 0.01/20 29.h3 Rb1+ 30.Kh2 Qf5]
29.dxe5± Endgame. KQR-KQR
[Of course not 29.fxe5 Rb3=]
29...Qe4 (-> ...Rb8-b2!) **30.h3** 0.14/22
[Better is 30.Rc5!± 1.15/22]
30...Rb4 0.52/24
[30...Rf8!= 0.14/22 feels stronger.]

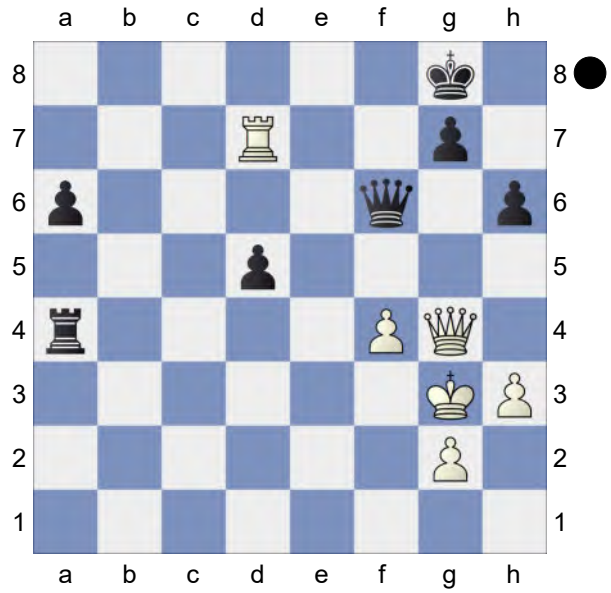


31.e6 0.01/25 **Rd4!= 32.Qf2 Rd1+**

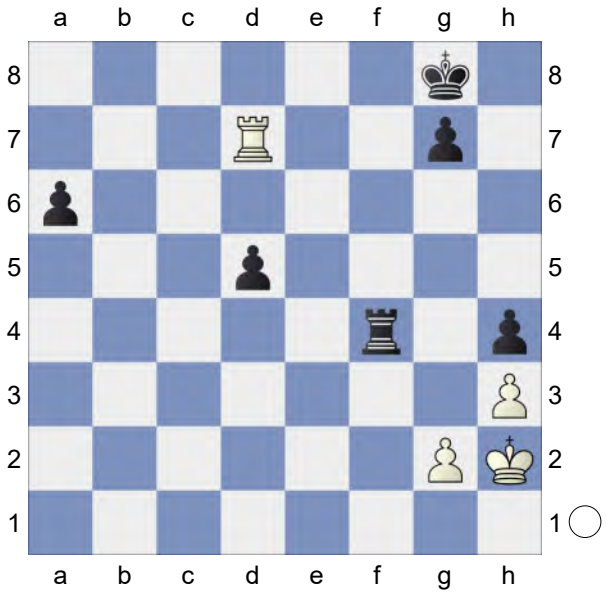
33.Kh2 Qxe6 7.49/24
[33...Kh7± 1.58/26 34.Rc6 a5]
34.Qg3? 0.01/25
[34.Qc2+- 7.49/24 Rf1 35.Rc8+ Kf7 36.Qc5]
34...Qf6 35.Qg4 aiming for Rc7-c8+.
35...Rd4



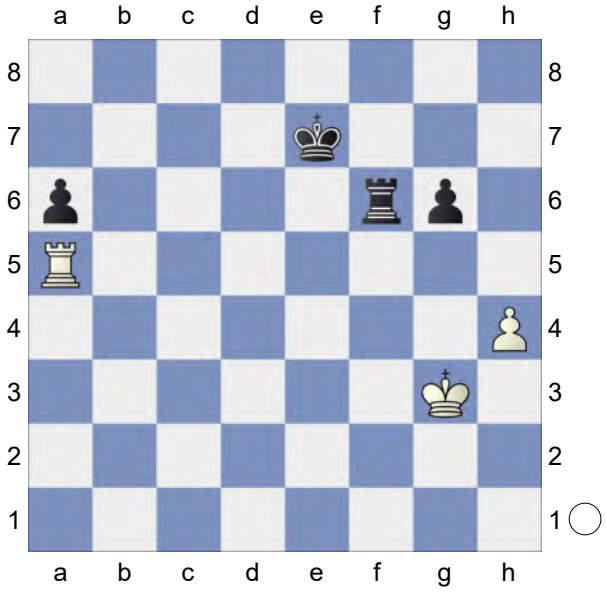
36.Kg3 Rxa4 37.Rd7



h5 -0.01/32 **38.Qf3** -0.59/27
Active counter play!
[38.Qg5= -0.01/32]
38...h4+∓ 39.Kh2 Qxf4+ 40.Qxf4 Rxf4
(Diagram)



41.Rxd5 KR-KR **41...Kf7** -0.01/25
[41...Ra4∓ -0.49/28]
42.Ra5= Rf6 43.g3 hxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Ke7 45.h4 g6 -0.01/28
[45...Rd6∓ -0.43/26 was preferrable.]



46.Kg4 The position is equal. **46...Kd7 47.Kg5 Re6 48.Ra1 Kc7 49.Rc1+ Kb6 50.Rb1+ Kc5**

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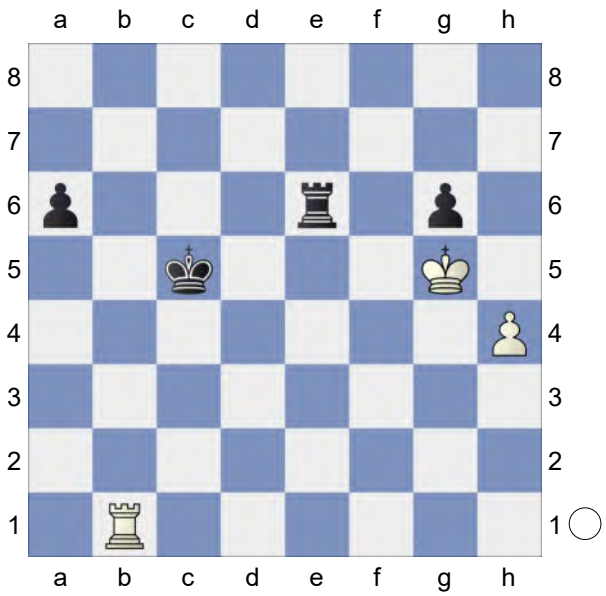
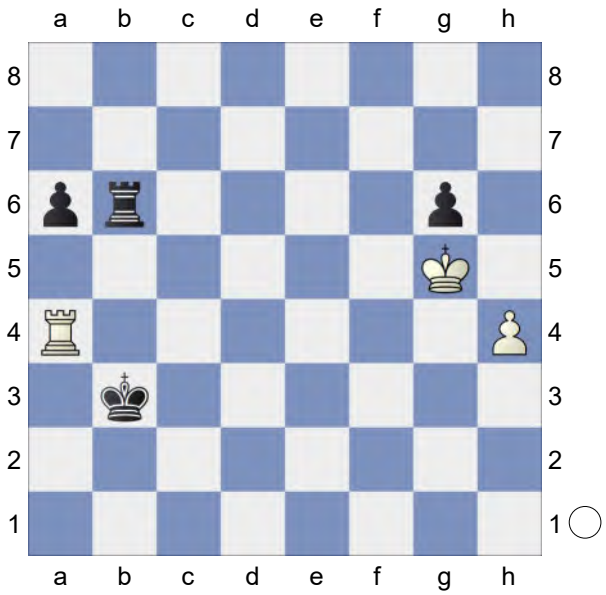


51.Rc1+ Kb4 52.Rb1+ Ka3 53.Ra1+ Kb2 54.Ra5 Rb6 55.Ra4 Kb3



56.Ra1!

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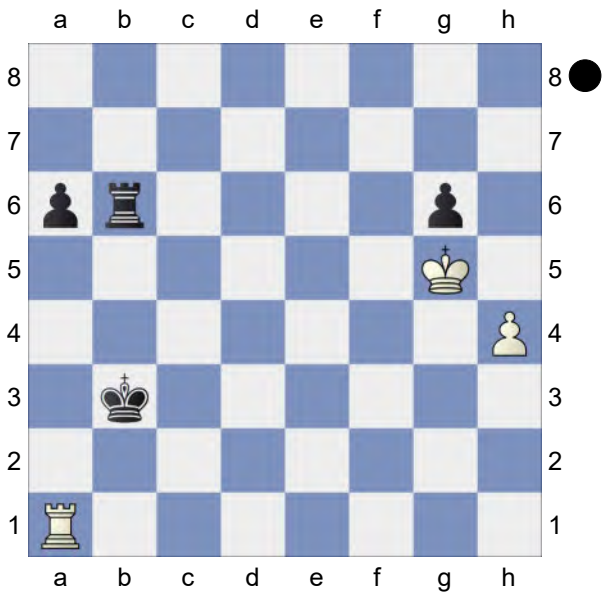

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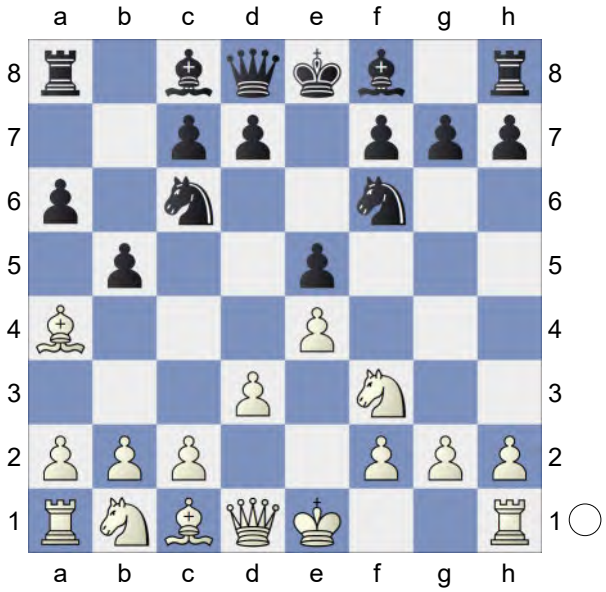
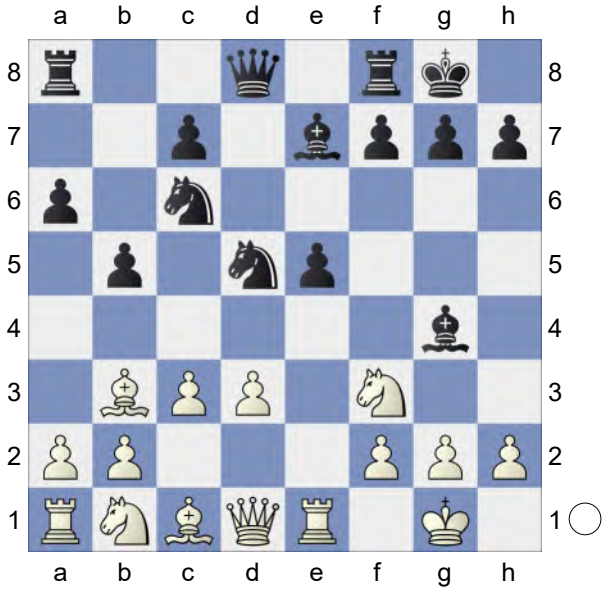
96 **C89**
□ **Ezizov,Muhammet** **1909**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibissara** **2470**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5**



6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3
[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Bd2 d5 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Na2 Nd7 16.Qe2 d4 17.Reb1 Nb6 18.Nc1 Na4 19.Nb3 Rf7 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Qh5 h6 1-0 Deslandes,P (2801)-C 06/32 (2805) La 70/(299) Havana 1997 (4)]
8...d5
[8...d6 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bf6 12.Bd5 Bb7 13.Nb3 Nb6 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Be7 18.Rd1 Qc8 19.Bg5 Bf5 20.Qc1 Re8 21.Nbd4 Bg4 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Qg5 1-0 Chapter G3 (1885)-9.♗g5 a6 10.a4_70275 (1677) Bundesliga 2002-3 2003 (3)]
9.exd5N
[9.Nbd2 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Rd1 Na5 14.Bc2 Qc8 15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Nh4 Nb7 18.Qf3 Nc5 19.Nhf5 Bf8 20.Be3 Ne6 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Bb3 c5 23.h4 c4 1-0 Bronstein,D-Kopylov,N URS-ch17 Moscow 1949 24.Bc2 Nd7 25.Nhf5 f6 26.h5 Bf7 27.h6 g6 28.Nd6 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Kg8 30.Rad1 Re7 31.Nf5 gxf5 32.exf5 Nf4 33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.Qxa8+ Be8 36.Bxf4 exf4 37.Qxa6 Qe7 38.Qe6+ Kf8 0-1 Bronstein,D-Klovans,J USSR 18/243 1974 39.Qxe7+ Kxe7 40.Be4 Kd6 41.g4 fxg3 42.fxg3 Ke5 43.Bc2 Bd7 1-0 Collier,D-Krivcenko,A 96/(199) Bari 2006]
9...Nxd5 10.Re1 Bg4



11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Black must now prevent Nf3xe5! **12...Bg6** The position is equal. **13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 c6 15.Bxd5! cxd5**

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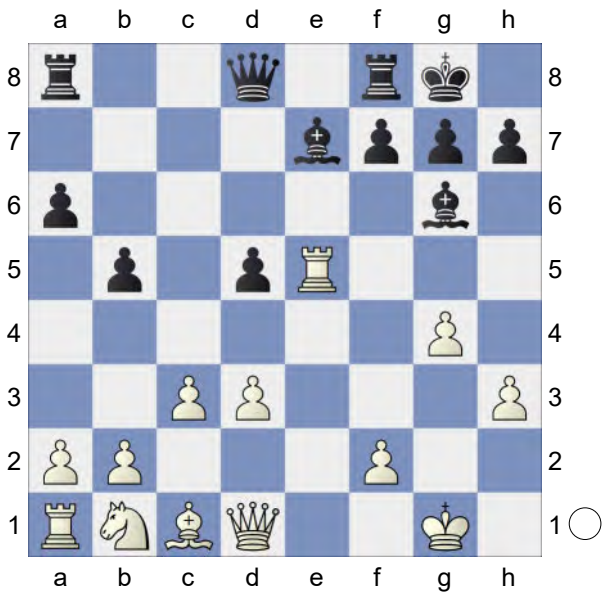
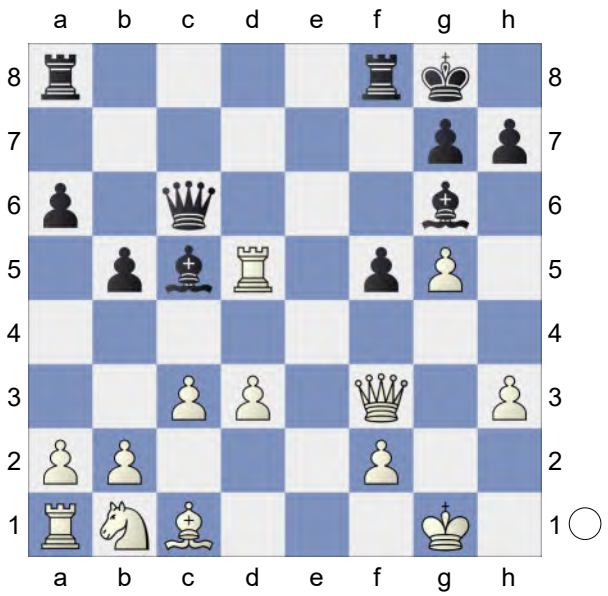
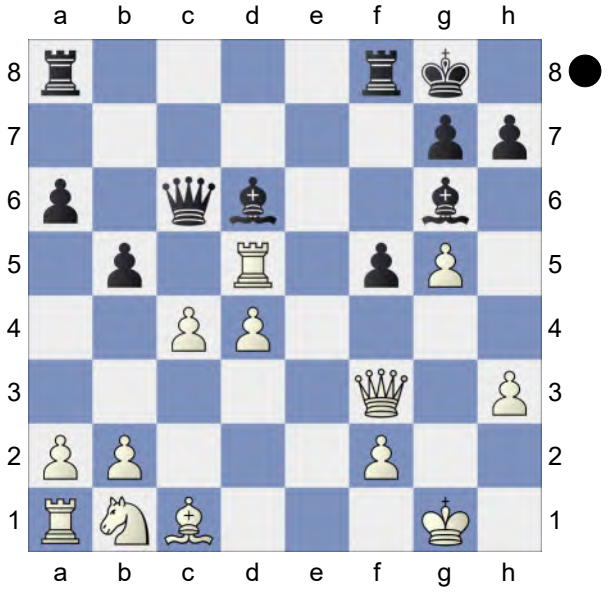


16.Qf3 d4 17.Rd5 -0.65/21
[17.cxd4= -0.11/21 f6 18.Rd5]
17...Qc8 -0.08/22
[17...Qb6∓ -0.65/21]
18.Rxd4= f5 19.g5 Wards off Be7-f6
19...Bc5 -0.11/21
[19...Be8∓ -0.47/21]
20.Rd5 -0.87/22
[20.Rf4!= -0.11/21]
20...Qc6 -0.26/20
[20...Qe6∓ -0.87/22 21.Kg2 *(21.Rxc5 Qe1+ 22.Kg2 Qxc1-+)* 21...Bh5 22.Qxh5 Qxd5+ 23.Qf3 Qe6]

(Diagram)

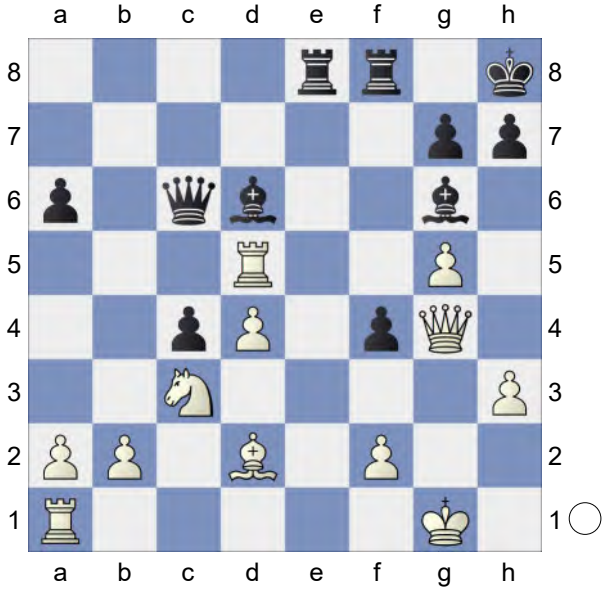


21.d4 -1.67/21
[21.Nd2= -0.26/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
21...Bd6 -0.98/22
[21...Rad8-+ -1.67/21 22.c4 bxc4 *(22...Bxd4 23.Nd2∓)*]
22.c4 -2.31/22



Rae8!-+
[22...bxc4 23.Nc3∓]
23.Bd2 Wards off Re8-e1+ **23...bxc4** -0.94/21
[23...f4-+ -2.28/21 ...Rf8-f5 would now be deadly. 24.Nc3 b4 *(24...bxc4*

25.Qg4∓)]
24.Nc3∓ f4↑ -0.90/21 Black is really pushing.
[⌓24...Qb7 -1.40/22 25.Bf4 Bb4]
25.Qg4∓
[25.Re1? Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Bf7-+]
25...Kh8
[25...Be4?! 26.Nxe4 Qxd5 27.Nf6+ gxf6 28.gxf6+ Kf7 29.Qg7+ Ke6 30.Re1+ Kf5 31.Qd7+ Kxf6 *(31...Re6? 32.Re5++- Decoy)* 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 *(32...Qg8+ 33.Kh2=)* 33.Qxe8 Qg5+ 34.Kf1=]



26.a4 -1.69/21
[26.h4∓ -0.71/20]
26...Bb4? -0.17/22
[26...Qb6-+ -1.69/21 27.a5 Qxb2]
27.Re5 -1.11/21
[27.Re1!= -0.17/22 remains equal.]
27...Rxe5 -0.45/21
[27...Rd8∓ -1.11/21 28.d5 Qb7]
28.dxe5∓

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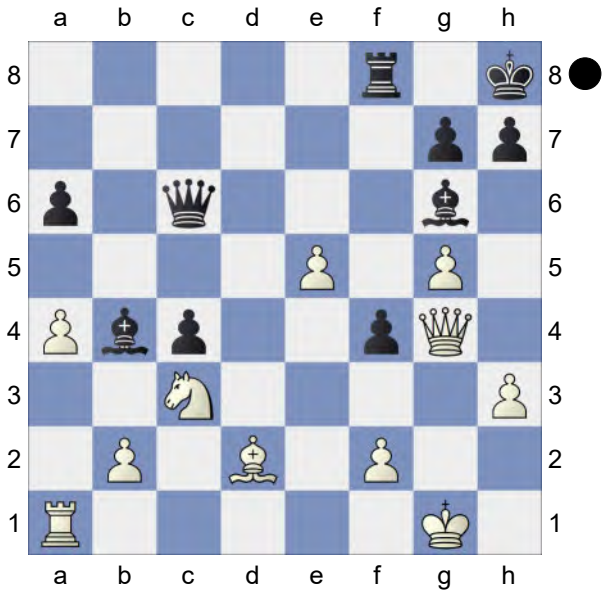
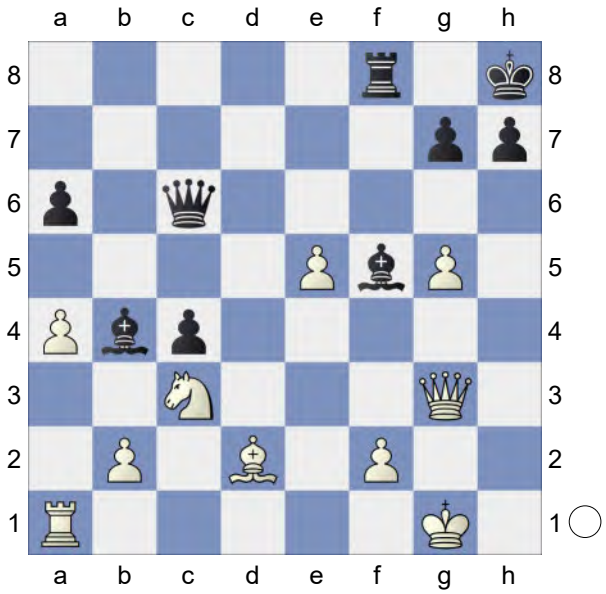


Bf5 -0.14/22
[Black should try 28...Bc5!∓ -0.86/20 ...Qc6-b6 is the strong threat. 29.Re1 Qb6]
29.Qxf4= Bxh3 30.Qg3 -7.11/22 Dodges Qc6-g2+
[30.Qe4= -0.24/22 Qc8 31.Qh4]
30...Bf5? -0.11/20
[30...Bc5-+ -7.11/22 31.Be1 Rf3]



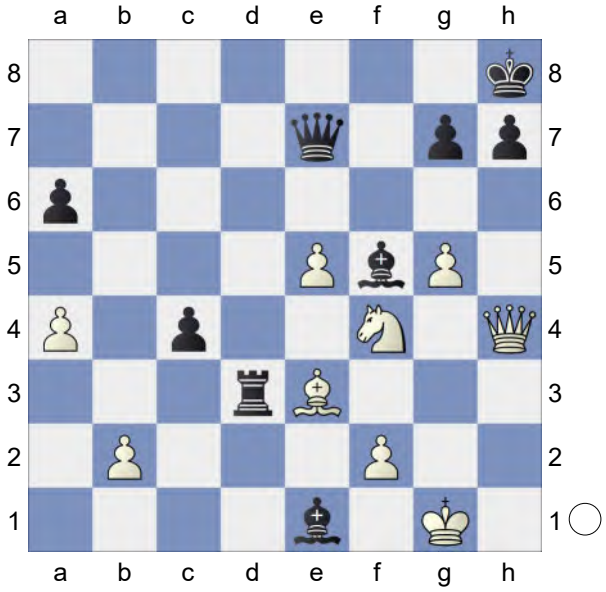
31.Re1 White is weak on the light squares **31...Rd8 32.Be3 Qe6** -0.01/19
[32...h5!∓ -0.48/20 should be

considered.]

33.Qh4 Rd3

[33...Qxe5? 34.g6 *(34.Qxc4 Bd6=)* 34...Bxg6 35.Qxd8++-]

34.Ne2? -6.14/22 **Bxe1-+** A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Nf4 Qe7**



Hoping for ...Rd3xe3. **36.Nxd3 cxd3**

37.Qf4 g6? -2.03/19

[37...Qd7 -8.21/20 38.e6 Bxe6 *(38...Qxe6? 39.Qb8+ Qc8 40.Qf4-+)*]

38.e6 White threatens Qf4-b8+ and mate. **38...Kg8?** -0.01/23

[38...Bxe6 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.Bc5∓]

[38...Qxe6 39.Qb8+ Kg7 40.Qd8-+]

[38...h5-+ -2.44/25 39.Qe5+ Kg8 *(39...Kh7? 40.Bd4-+)*]

39.Qb8+= Qf8 40.Qc7 -5.38/22

[40.Qb3= 0.01/23 and White stays safe. Bxf2+ 41.Bxf2]

40...Bb4-+

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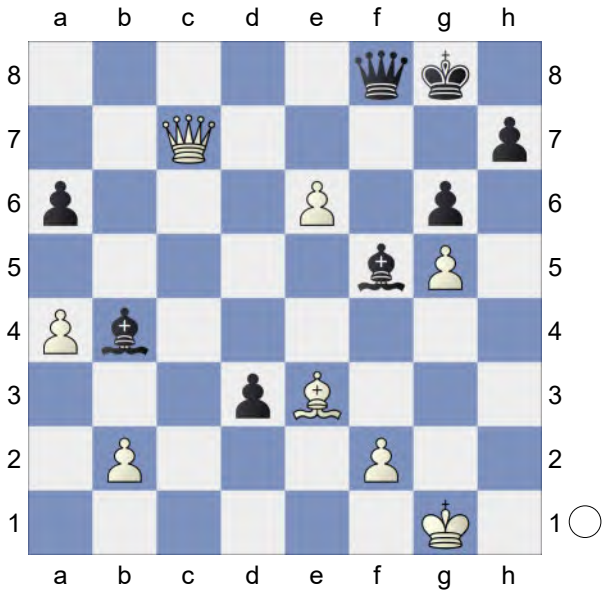

41.Bd4 -#9/18

[41.Qc4-+ -4.25/19 Be7 42.Qxa6]

41...Be7? 0.01/22

[41...d2 -#9/18 mates 42.Qf4 d1Q+ *(42...d1R+ 43.Kg2)* 43.Kh2 Bd6 Pin *(43...Qxa4? 44.e7-+; 43...Qh5+* leads to mate. *44.Kg2 Bh3+ 45.Kg3 Bd6* Pin *46.Be5 Bxe5* Pin *47.f3 Qxf4+ 48.Kf2 Qhxf3+ 49.Kg1 Qxg5#; 43...Qd6 44.Qxd6 Bxd6+ 45.f4 Bxf4+ 46.Kg2 Be4+ 47.Kf2 Bd3 48.Kg2 Qf1#)* 44.Be5 Qa8 *(44...Bxe6 45.Qxf8+ Bxf8 46.Kg2 Bd5+ 47.Kh3 Qh5+ 48.Kg3 Qf3+ 49.Kh4 Be6 50.Bh2 Qh3#; 44...Qh5+ 45.Kg1 Bxe5 46.Qe3 Qh2+ 47.Kf1; 44...Bxe5 45.Qxe5 Qf1 46.Qg3)* 45.f3 Qaxf3 *(45...Bxe5 46.Qxe5 Qdxf3 47.Qe2 Qxe2+ 48.Kg3 Qeg2+ 49.Kh4 Qh3#)* 46.Qxf3 Qxf3 47.Kg1 Be4 48.Bxd6 Qg2#]

42.Qe5= The board is on fire. **42...Bf6** 11.59/22 **43.gxf6+-** Threatening mate with f6-f7+.

[43.Qxf6 Qxf6 44.gxf6 Bxe6=]

43...d2 44.f7+

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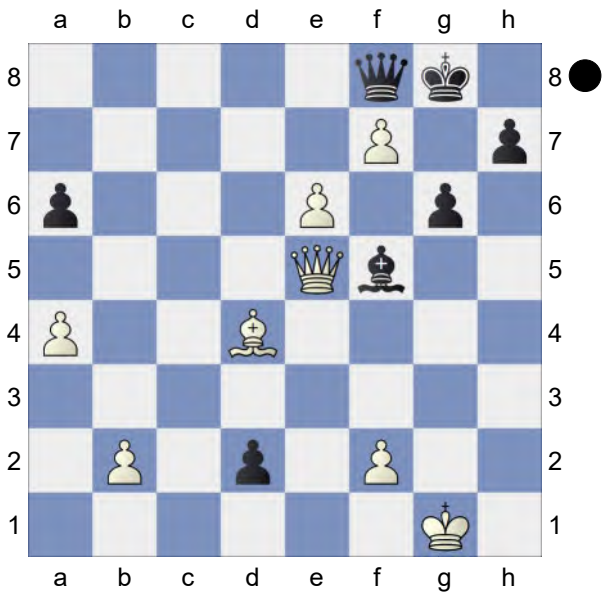

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97 **C89**
□ **Shubenkova,Veronika** **2024**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2527**
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[Kitty Kat]

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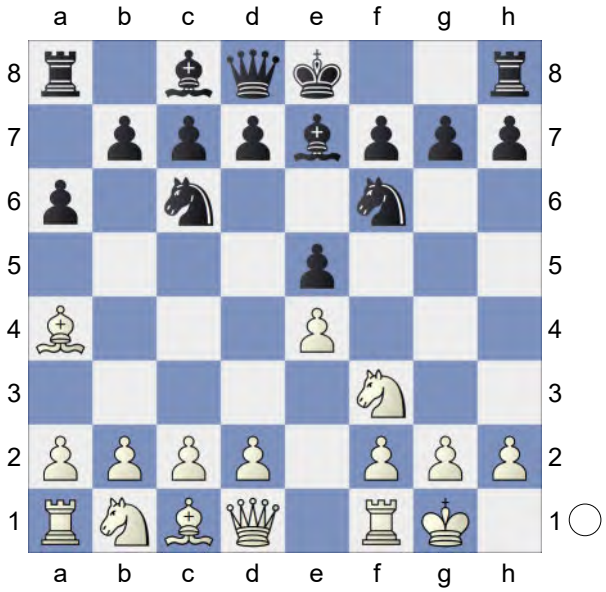

6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.h3 -0.01/19
[10.Nxe5± 0.35/19 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 d4 18.cxd4 Rad8 19.Nc3 Rxd4 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxe4 Rxd3 23.a4 Rfd8 24.g3 R3d4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.axb5 Polgar,J (2705)-Aronian,L (2815) London ENG 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (34)]
10...Bf6=

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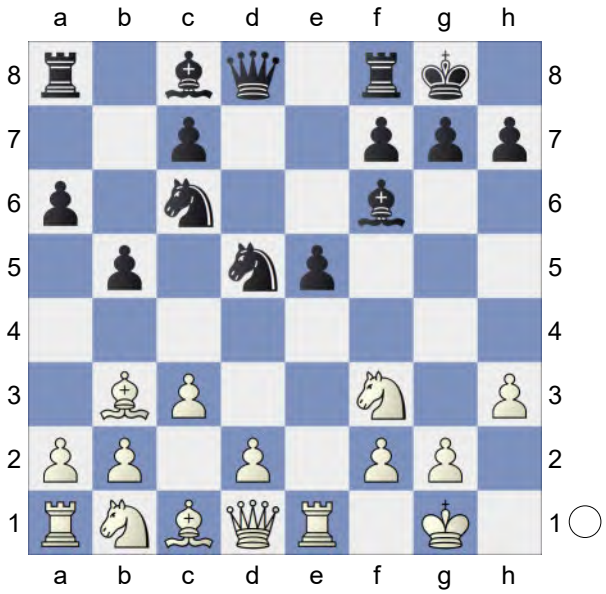

11.Bc2N
[11.a4 Rb8 12.Na3 Be6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Ba2 b4 15.Nc4 b3 16.Bxb3 Rxb3 17.Qxb3 Nb6 18.Qb5 Bxc4 19.Qxc6 Bd5 20.Qc5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qd3 22.Qe3 Qf5 23.Qe4 Qd7 24.Ra5 g6 25.Qg4 Qd3 Baroyan,D (1514)-Rakhmanov,G (1806) St Petersburg 2023 ½-½ (49) 26.Rc5 Qd6 27.b4 Bg7 28.d4 Nd7 29.Ra5 exd4 30.Bf4 Qc6 31.cxd4 Nf6 32.Qg2 Qc3 33.Rea1 Qxd4 34.Be3 Qc3 35.Bc5 Re8 36.Ra8 Bf8 37.Bxf8 Rxf8 38.Qg5 Qxf3 39.R8a3 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Ne4+ Barp,A (2252)-Jobava,B (2690) Villorba 2018 [John Emms] 0-1 (49) 41.Kg2 Nxg5 42.Ra8 Ne6 43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 44.Kg3 Ke7 45.Rd1 f5 46.h4 h6 47.Rd5 c6 48.Rd1 Nc7 49.Kf3 ½-½ (49) 4.h4 h5 5.c4 (1514)-E5 Intro (1806) Groningen 2023 Inf 94 [John Watson]]
11...Re8 12.Be4 The position is equal.
12...g6 13.a4 Black must now prevent axb5. **13...Bb7** 0.93/20
[13...b4= -0.11/18]
14.axb5!± axb5 15.Rxa8 Bxa8
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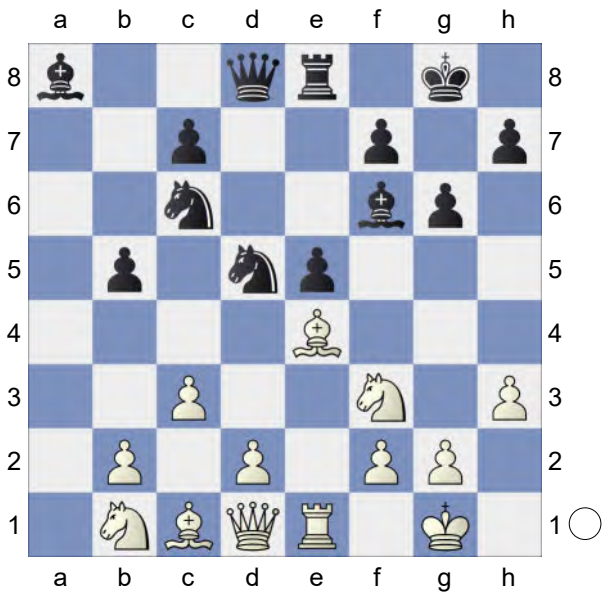
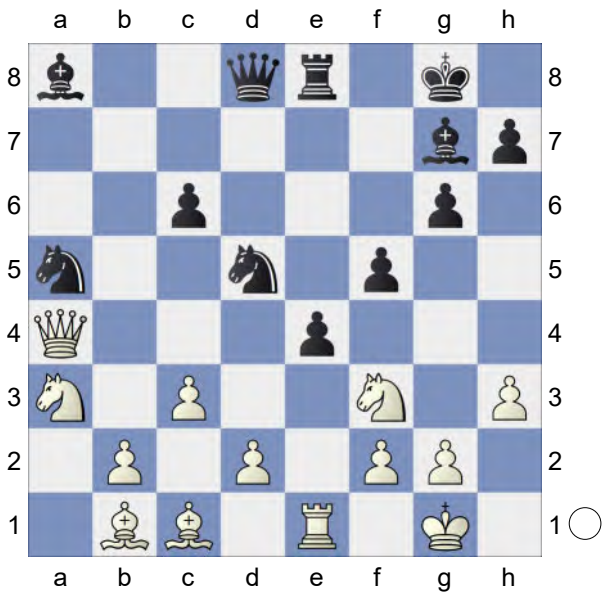
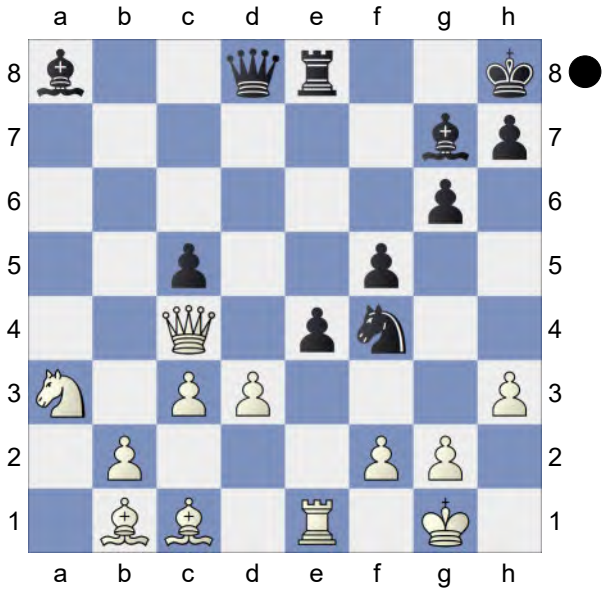


16.Na3 0.35/21
[⌓16.Qb3 0.66/21 Nb6 17.d3 *(17.Qxb5 Na7±)*]
16...Bg7 0.92/22
[16...Na7± 0.35/21]
17.Qb3 0.41/21
[17.Nxb5± 0.92/22 Strongly threatening Bxd5. Nf6 18.d3]
17...Na5 1.29/24
[17...Nf6!± 0.41/21 18.d3 *(18.Nxb5? Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Na5-+)* 18...b4]
18.Qxb5 c6 19.Qa4 f5 20.Bb1 e4



21.Nd4 0.20/21
[21.Nh2± 1.12/19]
21...c5= 22.Nb3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3 Kh8! 24.Qc4 -0.50/20
[24.Qa4± 0.31/21]
24...Nf4!∓ Hoping for ...Qg5. **25.d3?** -3.08/25
[But not 25.d4? exd3! 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Bxd3 *(27.Qxf4? Qe1+ 28.Kh2 Be5-+)* 27...Qe1+ 28.Bf1 Qxc1-+]
[25.Re3∓ -0.35/19]



25...Qg5? 1.21/24
[25...Nxg2!-+ -3.08/25 26.Kxg2 exd3+ 27.Kf1 Bg2+! 28.Kxg2 Rxe1 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 30.Bxd3 Rxc1]

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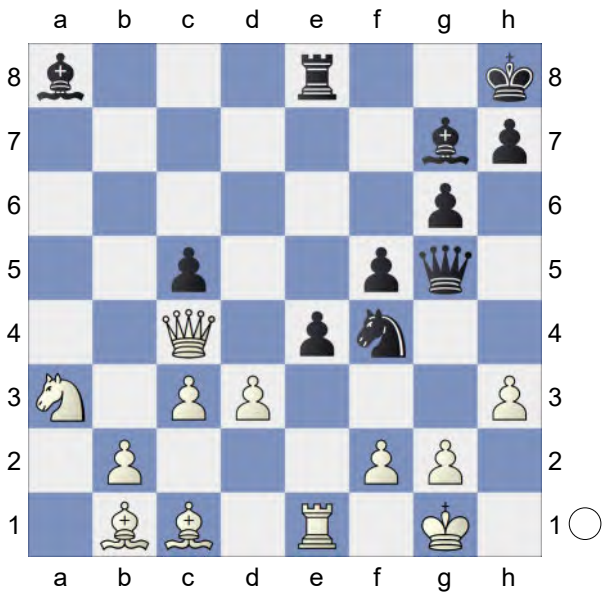


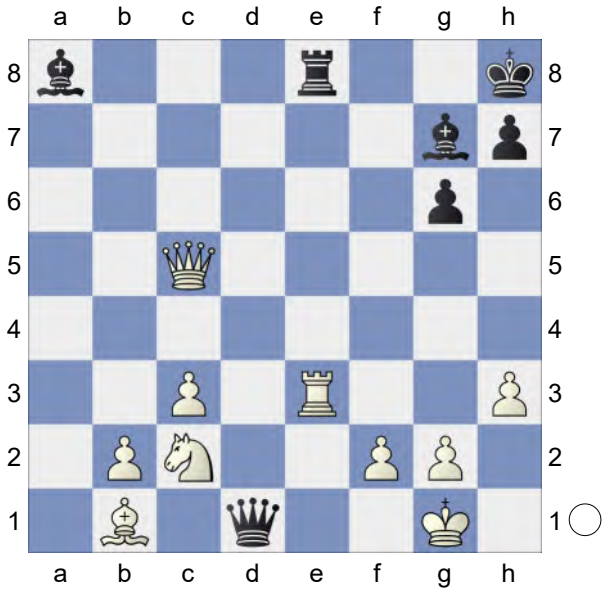
26.Bxf4± Qxf4 27.dxe4 fxe4 28.Qxc5→ 0.96/25 White goes for the king.

[⌓28.Qb5 1.30/24 Rc8 29.Qe2]

28...Qd2 29.Nc2 e3 30.Rxe3 Qd1+? 2.29/26

[30...Rf8? 31.Re1+-]

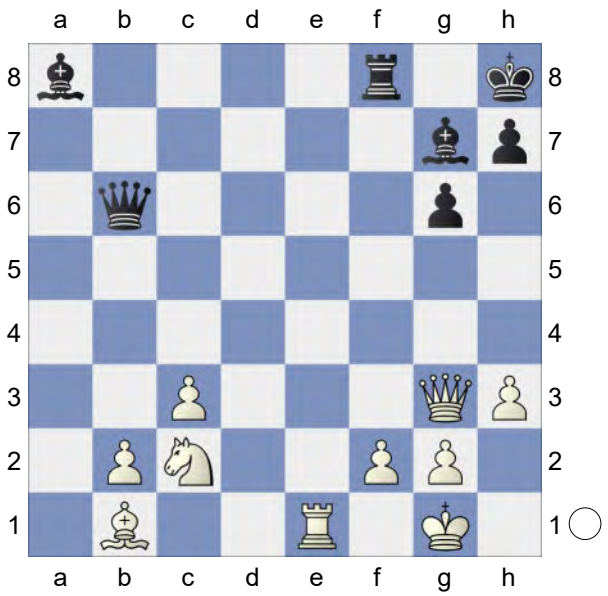
[30...Qc1+!± 0.68/24 31.Kh2 Rf8]



31.Kh2!+- Rf8 32.Re1 Qd2 33.Qe3 Qd6+ 34.Kg1

[Resist 34.Qg3 Qb6 35.Nb4 Qxf2]

34...Qc6 35.Qg3 Qb6

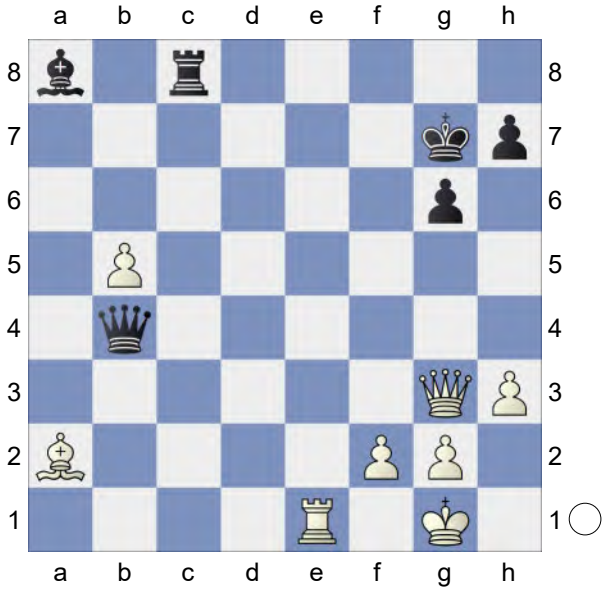


36.b4 Rc8 37.Nd4 Bxd4 5.07/23

[⌓37...Bd5 3.32/20 38.Rd1 Re8]

38.cxd4 White is clearly winning.

38...Qxd4 39.b5 Inhibits Bc6. **39...Kg7 40.Ba2 Qb4**



41.Qe5+

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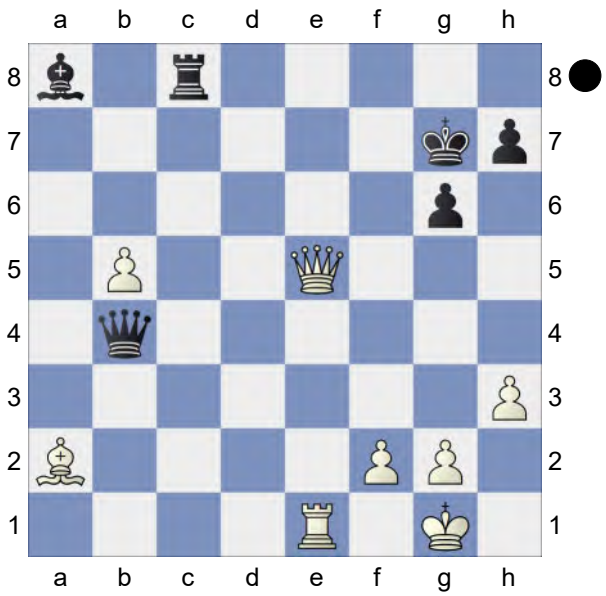

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98 **C89**
□ **Valle Luis,Leo** **2266**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2527**
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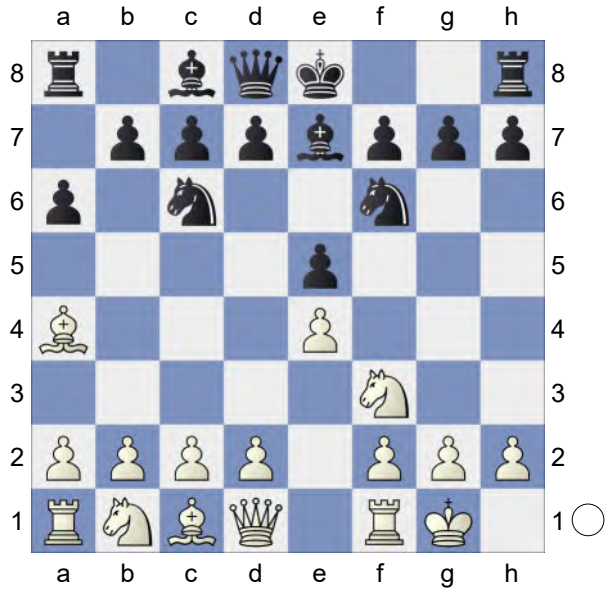

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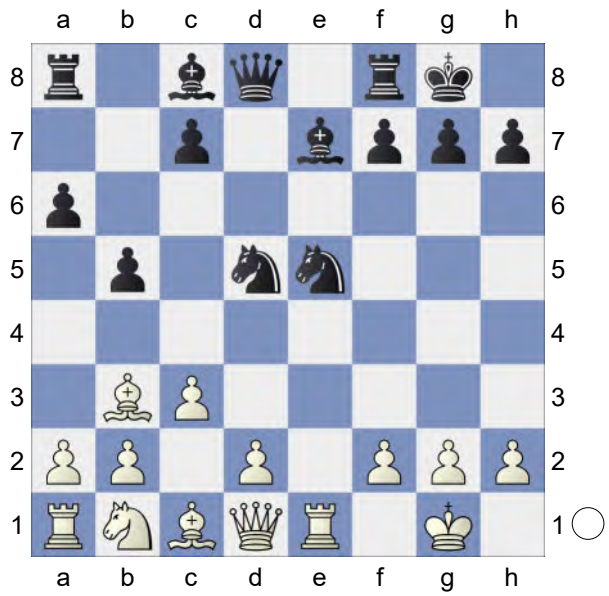

11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8

14.Nd2
[14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Na3 a5 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Qf1 b4 18.Nc2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc3 20.bxc3 a4 21.Bc4 Qc7 22.Bb5 Rc8 23.Qc4 Be5 24.Re1 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Ne7 26.Nb4 Be5 27.c6 Ba8 28.Bg5 Ng6 Yan,T (2277)-Kosteniuk,A (2532) Baku 2023 1-0 (52)]
14...Rxe1+N 0.80/22
[14...b4± 0.31/21 15.c4 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 29.Kf2 Qh5 Schults,O (2565)-Stockfish (2425) Lvov 1994 Gauthier/Openings [Harikrishna,Pentala] 1-0 (33) 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Nxe5 c5 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Ba4 ½-½ (33) De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K (2620) Yerevan 1996 CBM 055 [Lempert,Igor]]
[14...Nf4 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.gxf3 Bg5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Qf5 Bd6 21.f4 Re8 22.Bd5 g6 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Qe1+ 26.Kg2 Re2 27.Qf3 Rxb2 28.Ba2 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Kaulla,A-Kasatkin,P Jugoslavija 40/260 1998 CT-1892 [Laios,S] 0-1 (31)]
15.Qxe1± c5 1.47/22
[⌓15...Qd7 0.77/19]

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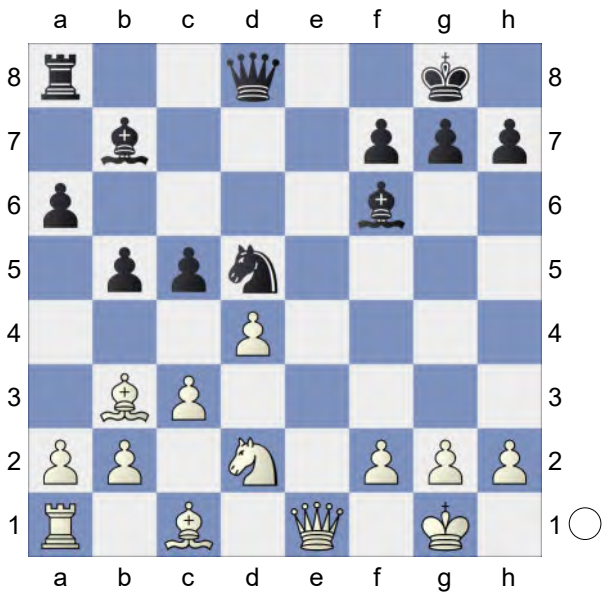
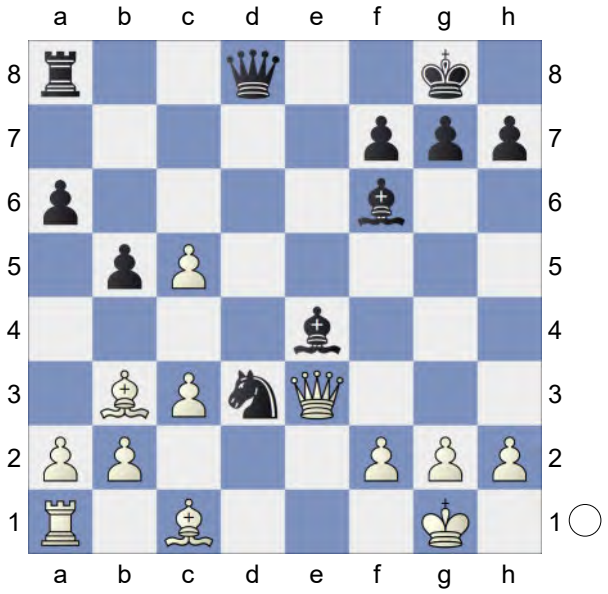


16.dxc5 Nf4 17.Ne4 Nd3 18.Qe3 Hoping for Nd6. **18...Bxe4**



Remove Defender **19.Qxe4 Nxc5 20.Qf3 Nxb3**

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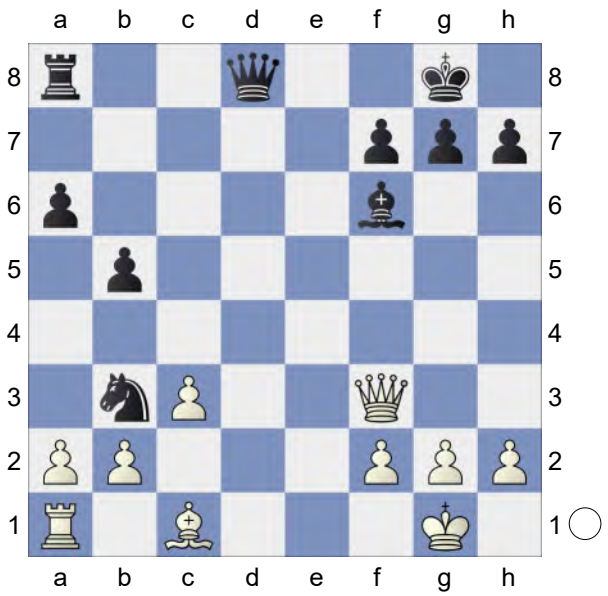


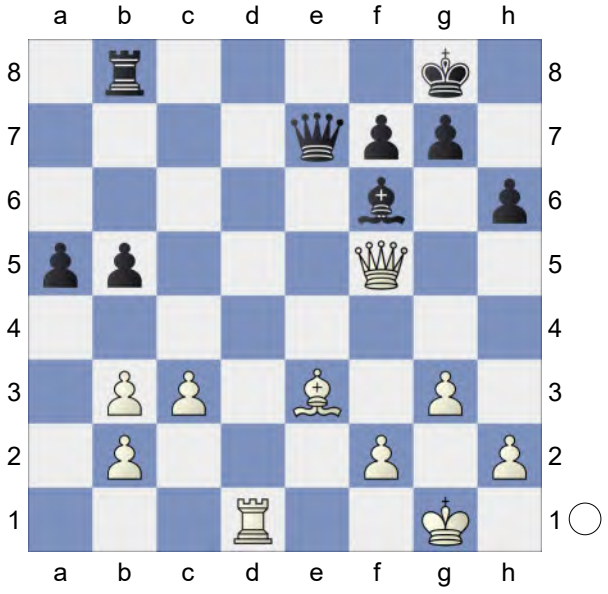
21.axb3 a5 22.Be3 Rc8 1.29/23 Inhibits Qc6.

[⌓22...Qe8 0.92/22]

23.g3 h6 24.Rd1 Qe7 1.77/23

[24...Qe8± 1.21/23 25.Bd4 Rc6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6]

25.Qf5+- Rb8

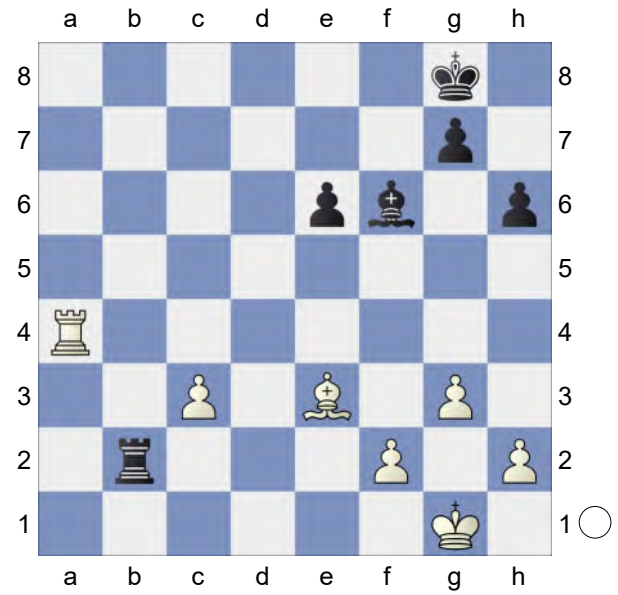


26.Rd7↑ White is on the roll. **26...Qe6** 2.25/25

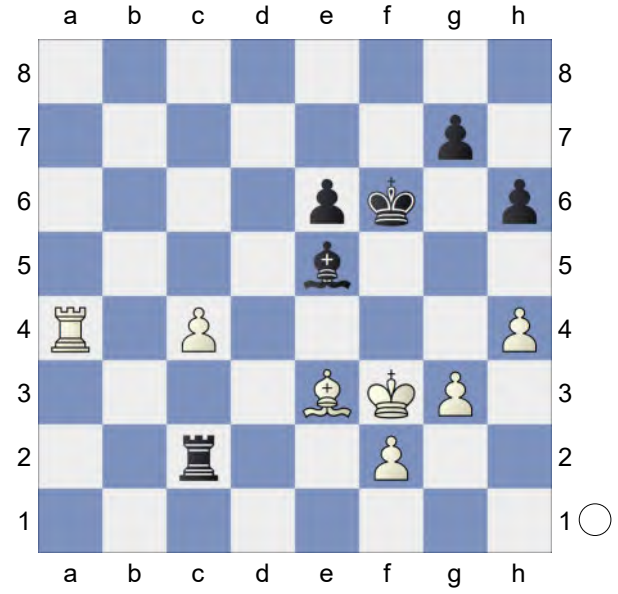
[26...Qe8 1.65/24 was necessary. 27.Qd5 a4]

27.Qxe6 fxe6 Endgame KRB-KRB **28.Ra7 a4 29.bxa4 bxa4 30.Rxa4**

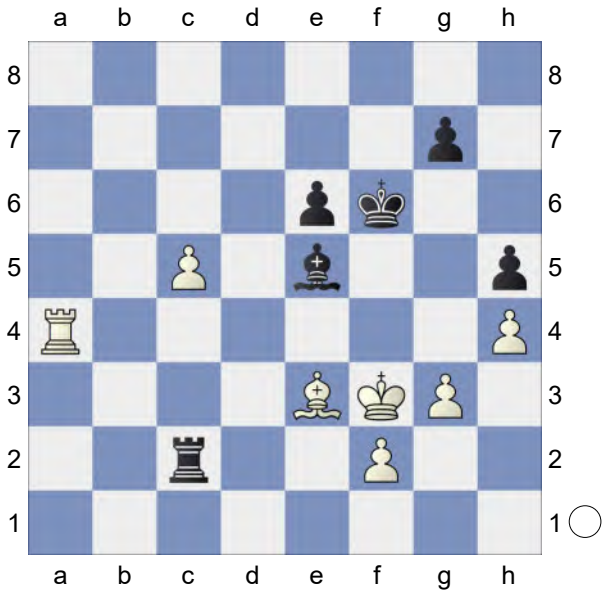
Threatens to win with Rb4.
[Don't take 30.Bc1?! Bxc3 31.Rxa4 *(31.bxc3 Rb1=)* 31...Bxb2 32.Bxb2 Rxb2=]
30...Rxb2



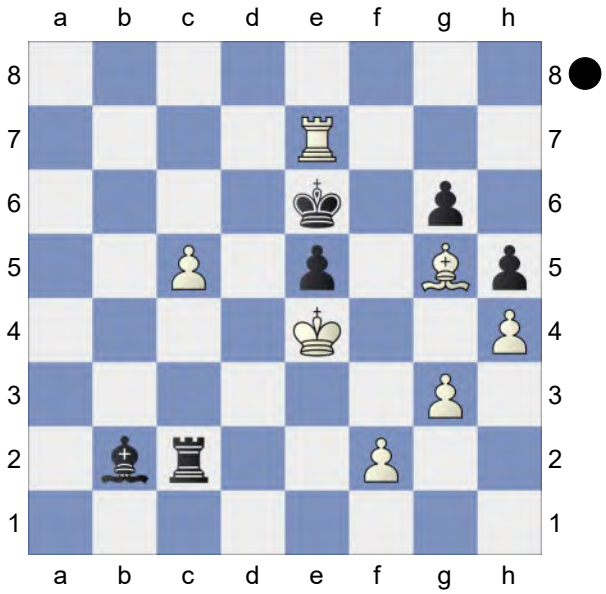
31.c4 Rc2 32.Kg2 Kf7 33.h4
Against Bg5 **33...Be5 34.Kf3 Kf6?** 3.84/24
[34...h5 2.05/24 35.Ke4 Bf6]



35.c5 h5? 6.54/24
[35...Ke7 2.60/22 36.Ke4 Bf6 37.Ra7+ Kd8]



36.Ke4 Bb2 37.Ra6 2.34/25
[⌓37.Ra2 5.85/24]
37...g6? 5.79/24
[37...Rc4+ 2.34/25 is more resistant. 38.Kd3 Rc3+ 39.Kd2 Rc4]
38.Ra7 2.80/24
[⌓38.Bg5+ 5.79/24 Kf7 39.Ra2]
38...e5? #2/6
[38...Rc4++- 2.80/24 39.Kd3 Rc3+ 40.Kd2 Rc4]
39.Bg5+ Ke6 40.Re7#

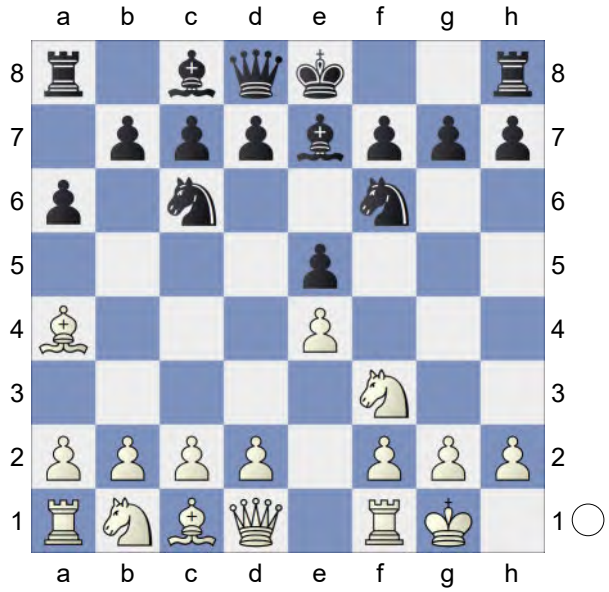


Black did not feel at home in the

position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.88
1-0

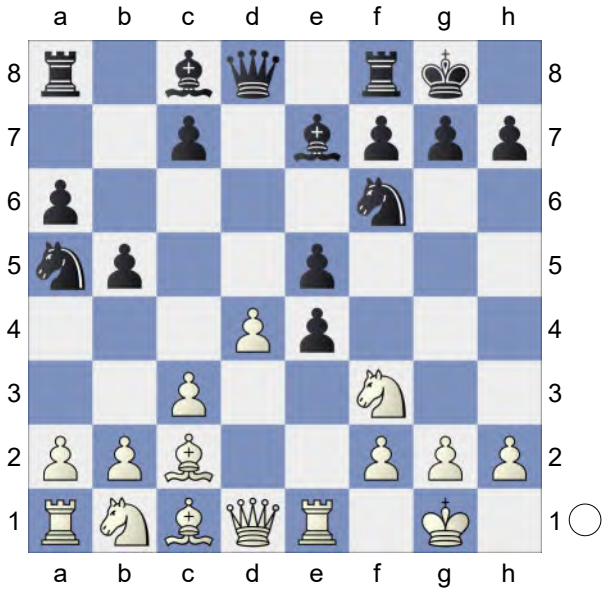
99 **C89**
□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2534**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2676**
Bundesliga 2425 (2.8) 06.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Nxa2 *(12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bg5 16.a4 Ne7 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.c4 c6 19.Ne3 Qd7 20.d4 exd4 21.Qxd4 Qe6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Qd3 Qe5 26.Ng4 Qe6* Lauterbach,I (2455)-Pantos,N (2562) Wijk 2023 Chess Today CT-827 [John Watson] ½-½ *)* 12...Nc6 13.c4 Nd4 14.Nc3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Bd2 Qc8 17.Rfb1 Qe6 18.Qe2 d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bg5 dxe4 Mudrov (2768)-Moreno,M (2727) Chennai 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Kozlov] 1-0 (41)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2
[9.Nxe5 looks sharper. Nxb3 10.Qxb3 Bb7 11.d3]
9...d5 10.d4 dxe4



11.Nxe5 White is slightly better. **11...c5 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.dxc5 Bxc5** 0.59/20
[Better is 13...Qc7!= 0.01/19 14.Ng4 Rad8]
14.Qxd8± Raxd8 15.b4 Bd6

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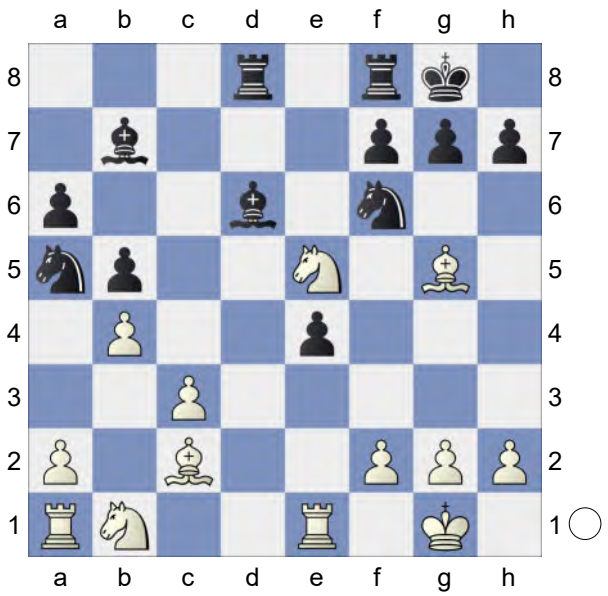
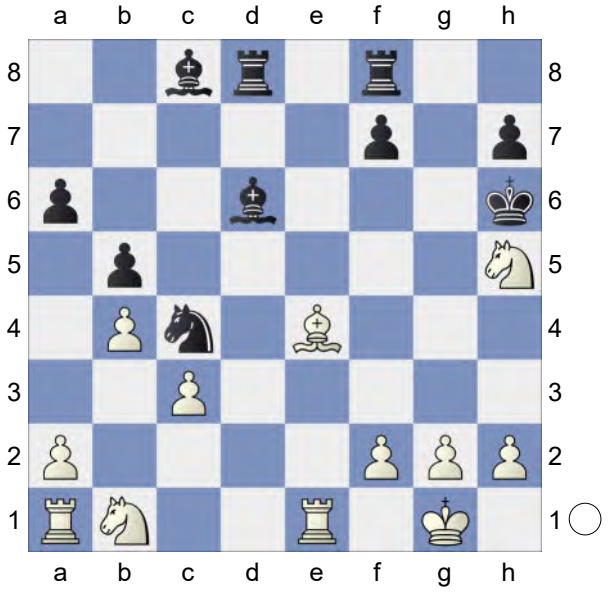


16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Ng4 Nc4 18.Bxe4 Bc8 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+

[Worse is 20.Nxh7 Rfe8 21.Ng5 f5-+]

20...Kh6

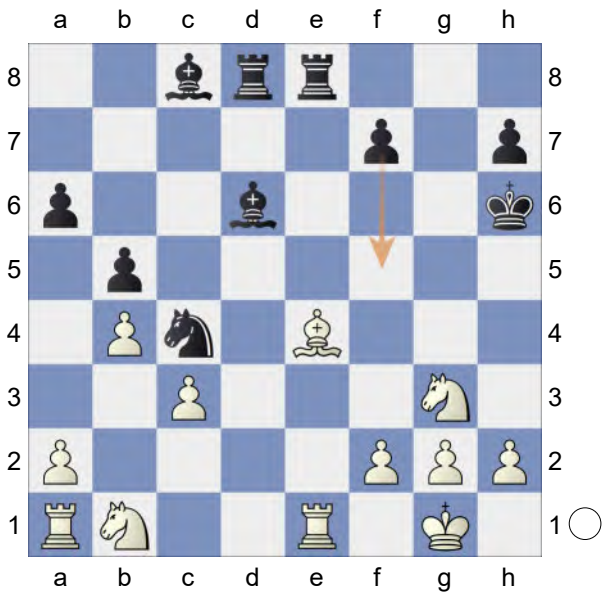


21.Ng3

[Of course not 21.Nf6 Be5 22.Nd5 *(22.Nxh7 Rfe8∓)* 22...Rfe8=]

21...Rfe8

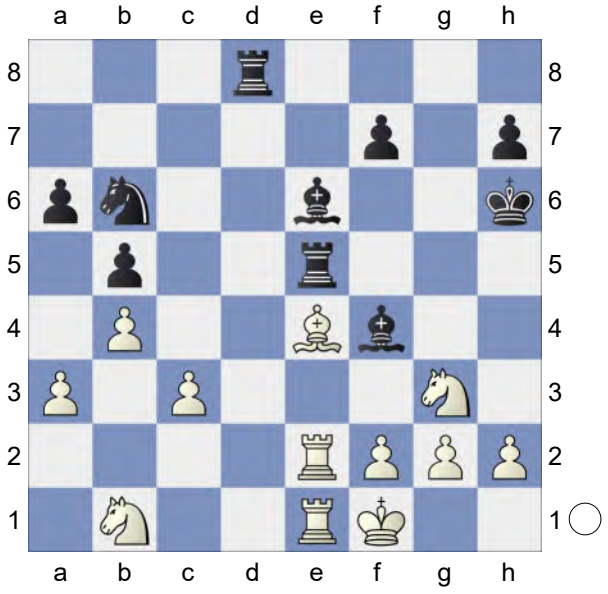
(Diagram)



...f5! is the strong threat. **22.Kf1 Bf4 23.a3 Re5** Threatens to win with ... Bxg3. **24.Ra2** 0.12/22

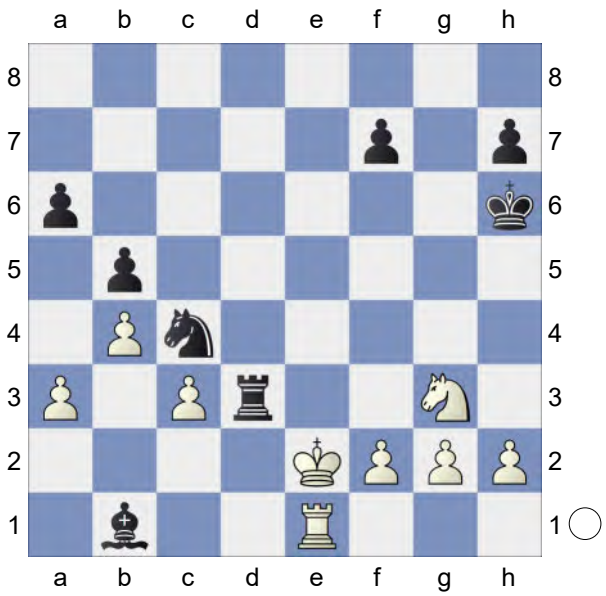
[24.Bc2± 0.50/21]

24...Be6!= 25.Rae2 Prevents Ne3+. **25...Nb6!**

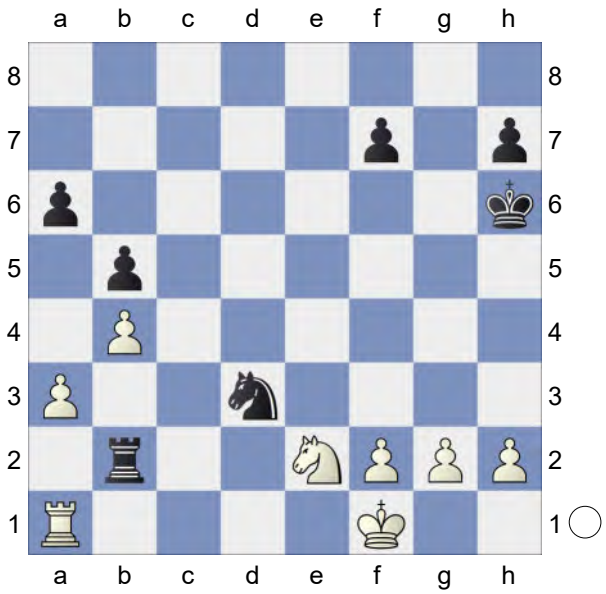


Hoping for ...Bc4. **26.Bd3 Rxd3 27.Rxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5** White wants to play Ke1. **28...Ba2! 29.Re1 Nc4** aiming for ...Bxb1. **30.Ke2 Bxb1**

(Diagram)



31.Rxb1 Rxc3 Endgame KRN-KRN **32.Ra1 Rc2+ 33.Ke1 Nb2** The position is equal. **34.Kf1 Nd3! 35.Ne2** Black should prevent Rd1. **35...Rb2**



36.g3 Kg7 37.Rd1 Rb3 38.Nc1 Nxc1 39.Rxc1 Rxa3 40.Rc6

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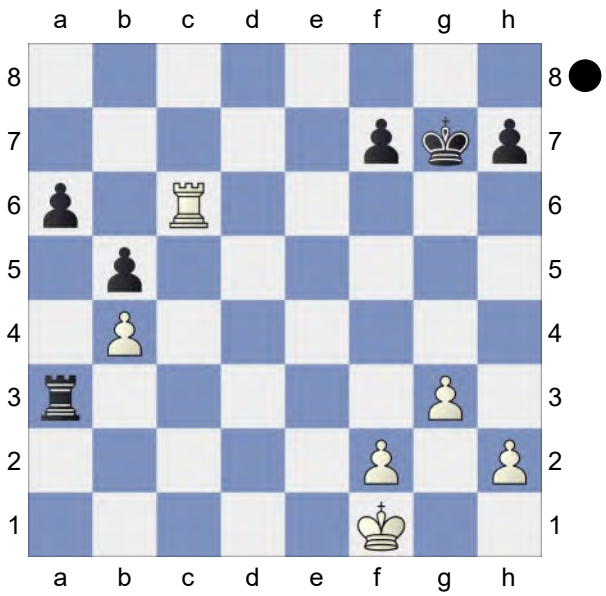

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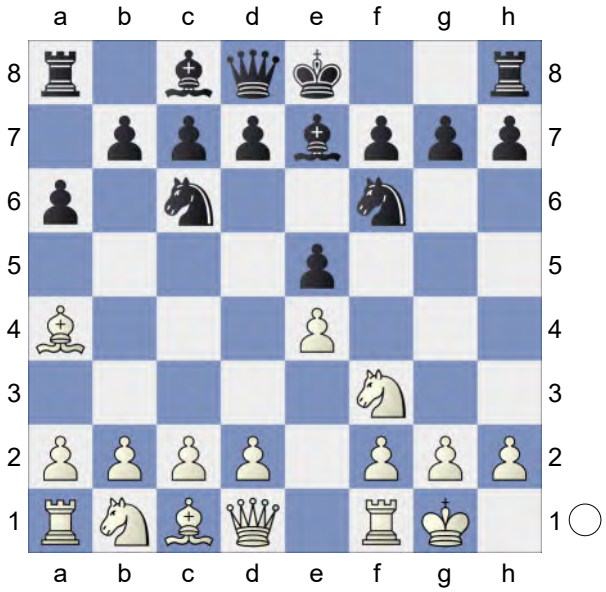
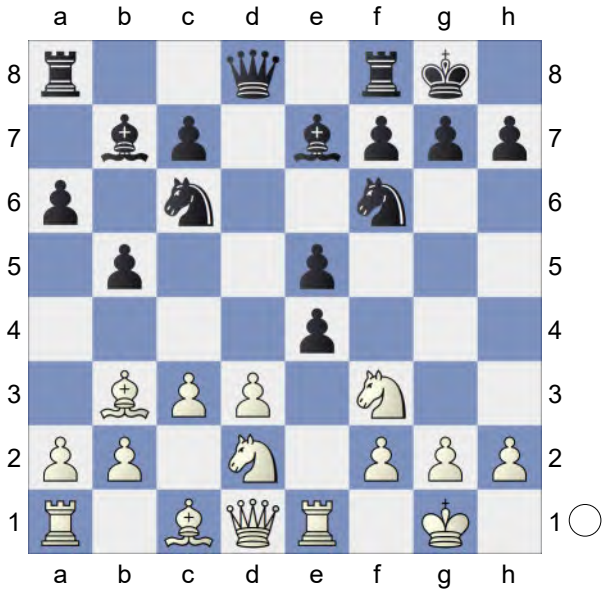
½-½

100 **C89**
□ **Lama,Himal** **2059**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 Bb7N 0.24/18
[9...dxe4 -0.09/18 deserves consideration. 10.dxe4 Qxd1 11.Bxd1 *(11.Rxd1 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7 16.Nxe5 Nxd5 17.Nc2 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6 21.Ndf3 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Ke1 h5 24.Rd1 f6 25.Nd7 Rxd1+* Guerrini,S (2251)-Wirsching,A (2631) Manila 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)) 11...Rd8 *(11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6* The Marshall Declined-D3,B Fighting the Ruy Lopez [Milos Pavlovic]; *11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nbd2 Rad8 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nh2 Bb6 16.Ndf1 Na5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.a4 c5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nf5 c4 22.Be3 Bc7 23.g4 Ra8 24.Nd2 Nb7 25.f3 Bxf5 26.gxf5* Zvezdogliad-Koshmak,Y Dnepropetrovsk 1975 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (64) *)*]
[9...Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 d4 12.Nf1 Qd7 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.Ngf5 Rfe8 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bg5 Rec8 21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Rec1 Nb7 23.Bb3 Jassa-Nassif,J Syrakus 1975 MAS C89 PB [Blatny,P]]
10.Nbd2= dxe4



11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.dxe4 The position is equal. **12...Na5 13.Nxe5 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Bc5 15.Be3 Bd6**

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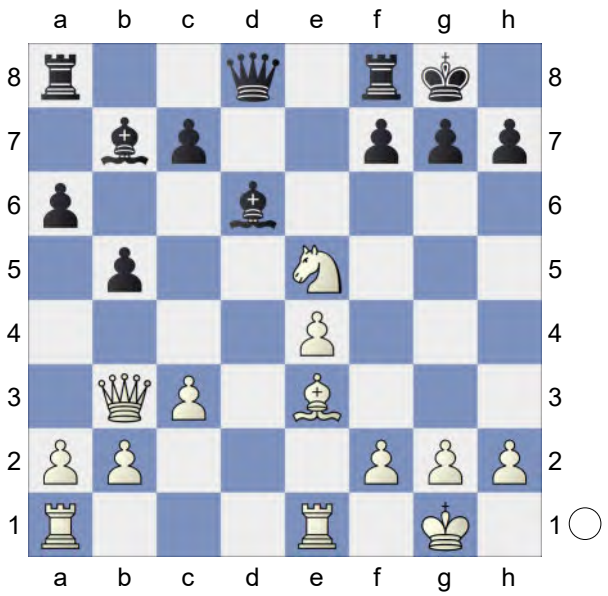
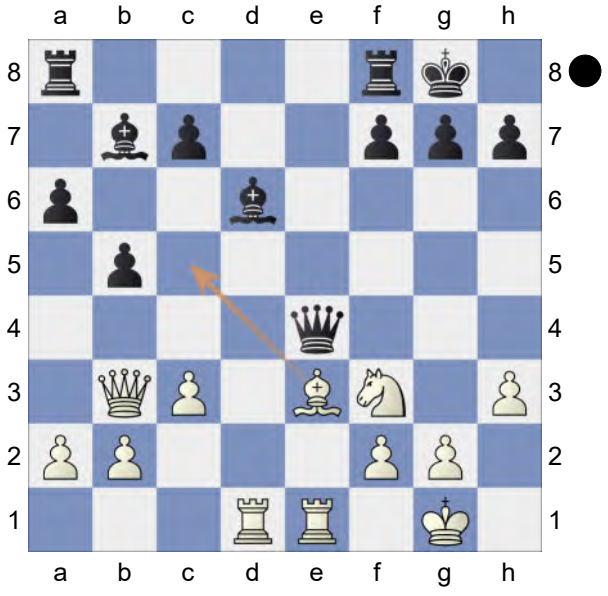


16.Rad1 -0.52/20
[But not 16.Bf4? Qf6 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Bxd6 cxd6-+]
[16.Nf3= 0.16/20]
16...Qh4 17.Nf3 -0.79/21
[17.Bd4∓ -0.41/23]
17...Qxe4∓ 18.h3



Qg6! 19.Kf1 -1.54/20
[⩲19.Nh4 -1.18/22 Qf6 20.Rd4]
19...Rae8→ Black attacks with force.
20.c4 Bxf3

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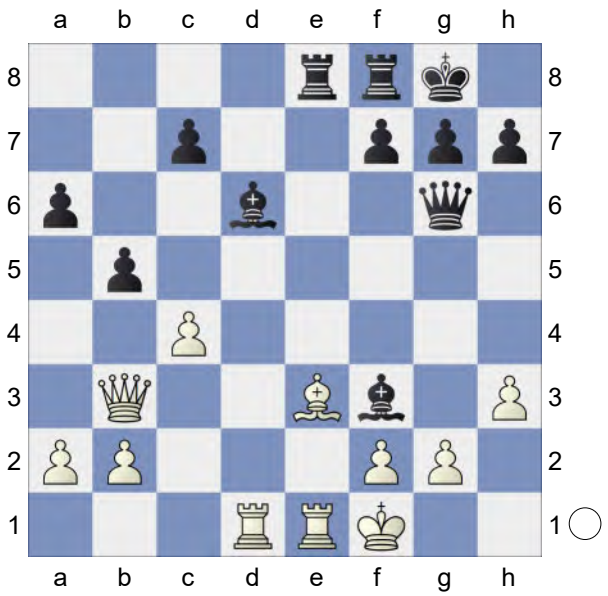
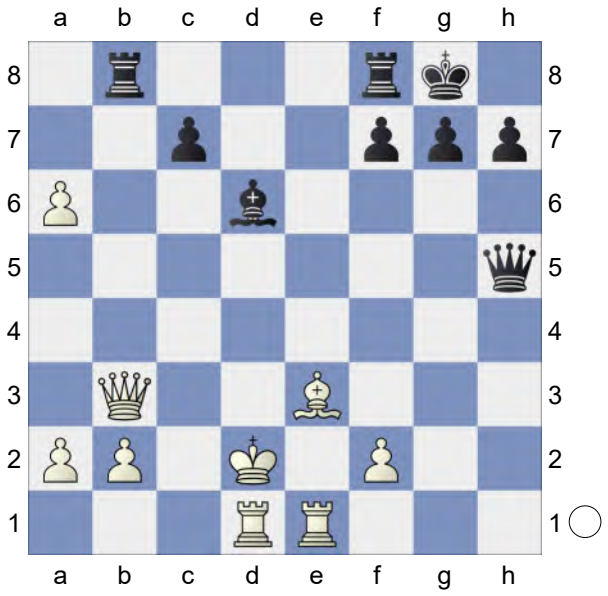
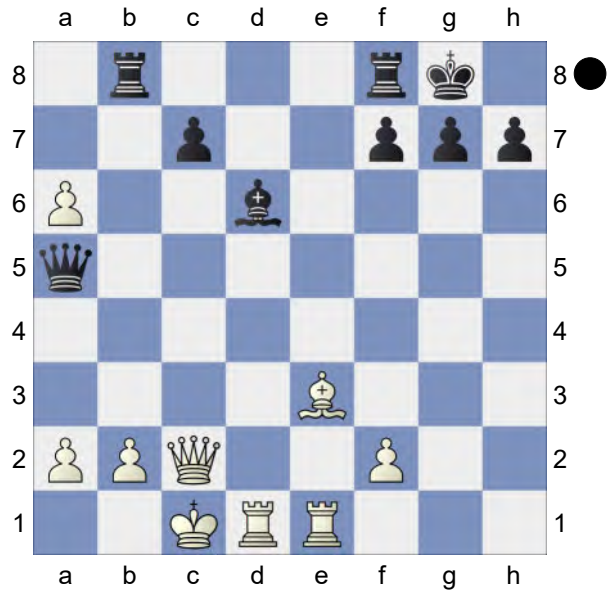


21.gxf3 Qh5 &Nero is more active.
22.cxb5 Qxf3 And now ...axb5 would win. **23.bxa6 Qxh3+ 24.Ke2 Qh5+** -0.95/20
[⩲24...Bf4 -1.38/21 Threatens to win with ...Bxe3. 25.Rd3 Qh5+ 26.Kd2 Bxe3+ 27.fxe3 Qa5+ 28.Rc3 Qxa6]
25.Kd2 -2.11/18
[25.Kf1∓ -0.95/20]
25...Rb8-+

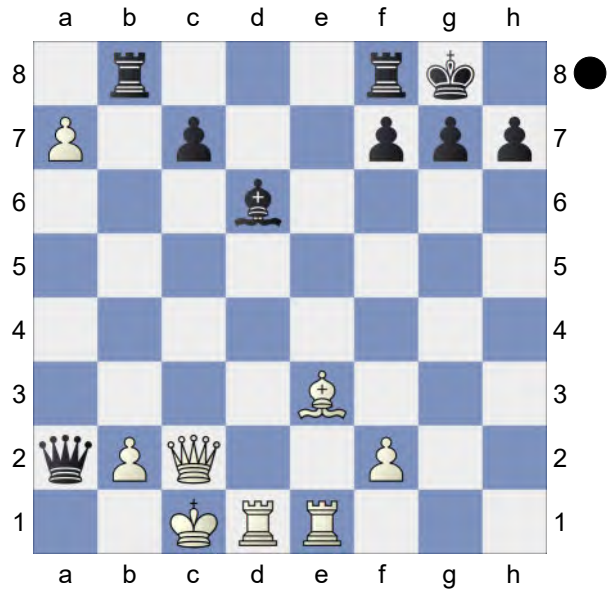


26.Qc2 -3.33/20
[⩲26.Qd3 -2.17/22 Rxb2+ 27.Kc1 Rxa2 28.Rh1]

26...Qa5+ 27.Kc1



Qxa2 -2.07/21
[⌓27...Rxb2!! -3.47/22 28.Kxb2 *(28.Qxb2? perishes. Ba3-+)* 28...Rb8+ 29.Qb3 Rxb3+ 30.axb3 Qa3+ 31.Kc2 Qa2+ 32.Kc3 Qxa6]
28.a7



Rxb2 29.Qxb2 Ba3 Pin. Really sharp!
30.Bd4 -7.13/19
[30.Qxa3 -2.56/22 Qxa3+ 31.Kc2 Qa2+ 32.Kc3]
30...Bxb2+

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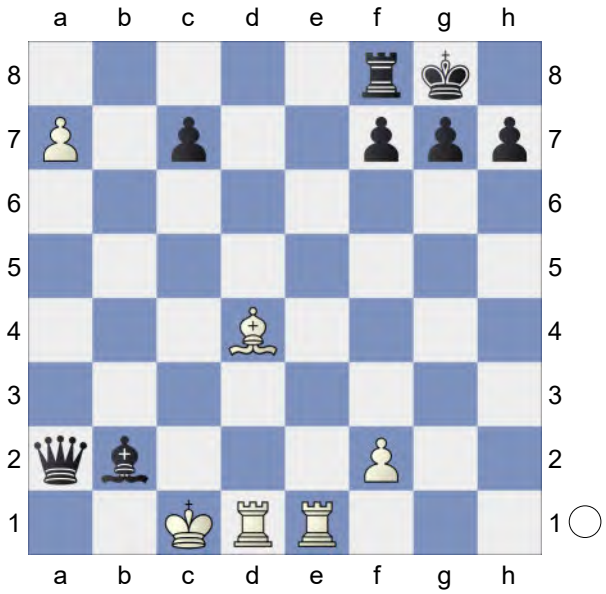
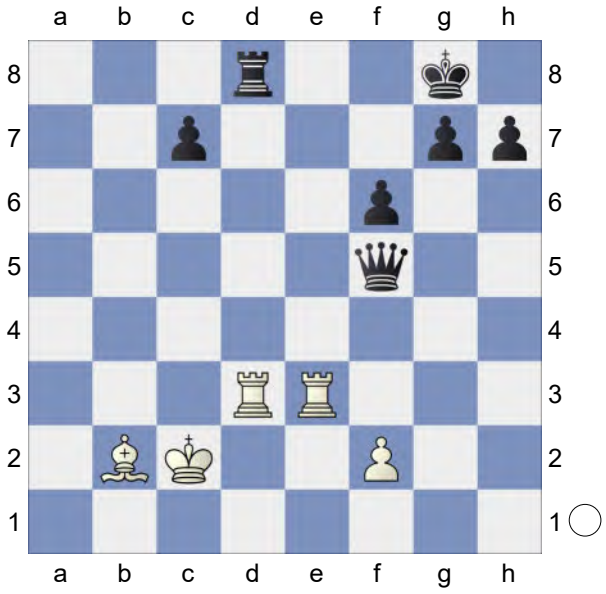


Black is clearly winning. **31.Bxb2 Qxa7 32.Re3 Qc5+ 33.Kb1 Qf5+ 34.Rdd3 Rd8 35.Kc2 f6**



36.Kc3 Rxd3+ 37.Rxd3 Endgame KQ-KRB **37...Qc5+ 38.Kb3 Qxf2 39.Ba3 h5 40.Rd8+ Kh7**

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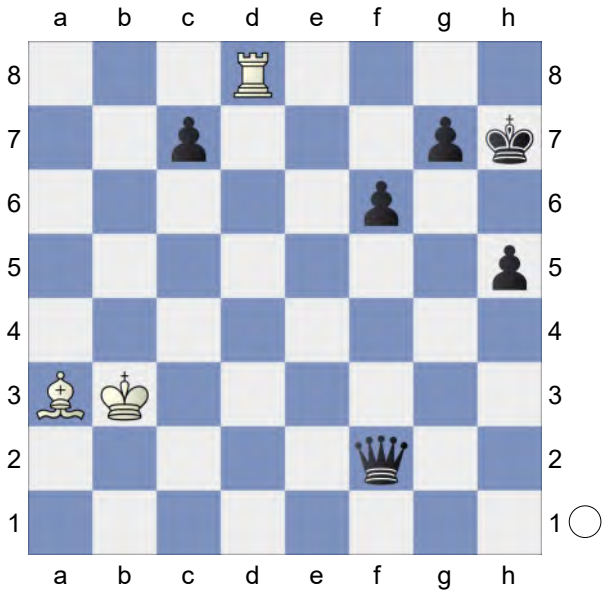
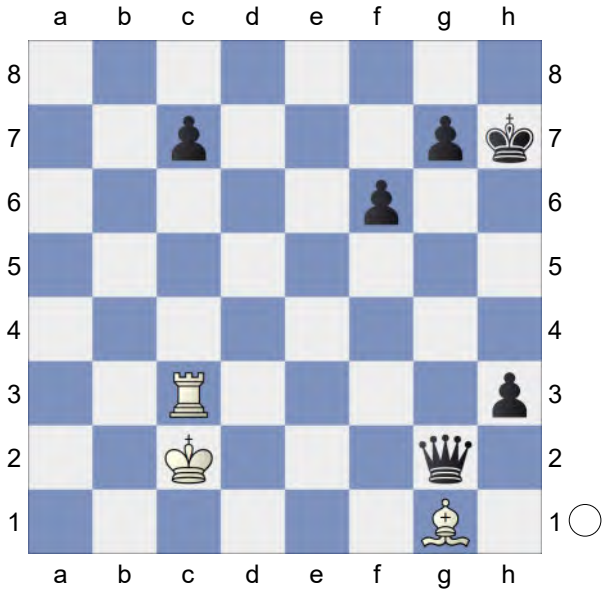


41.Rd3 h4 42.Rc3 Qf5 43.Bc5 h3 44.Bg1 Qd5+ 45.Kc2 Qg2+



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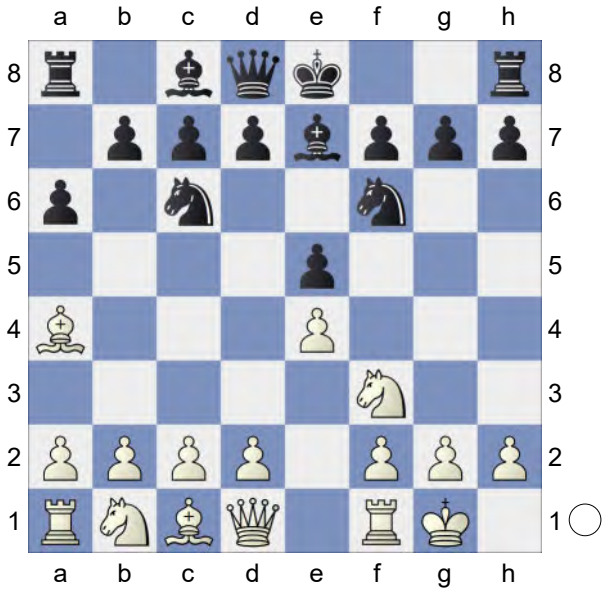
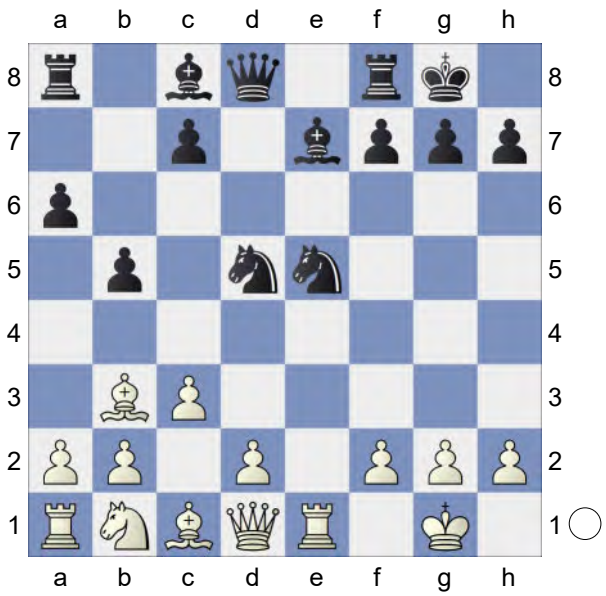
101 **C89**
□ **Farkas,Gabor** **2321**
■ **Apol,Luitjen Akselsson** **2215**
Budapest SixDays 01 IM-B (6) 26.01.23
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

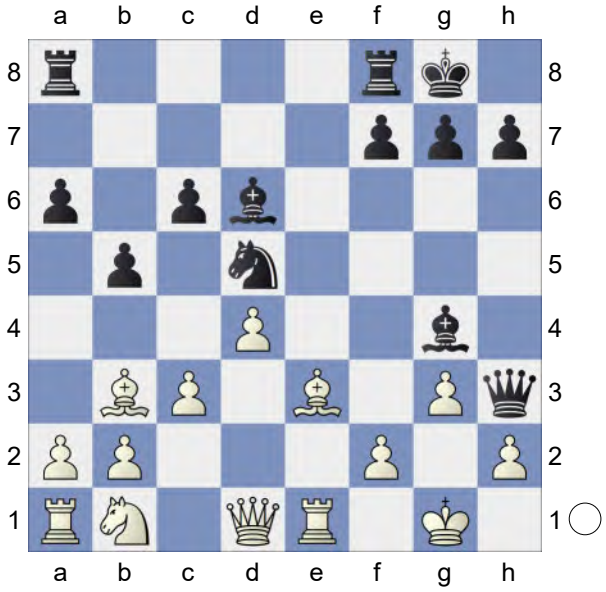


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 7...a5 is not played anymore.7...a5 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5**

(Diagram)



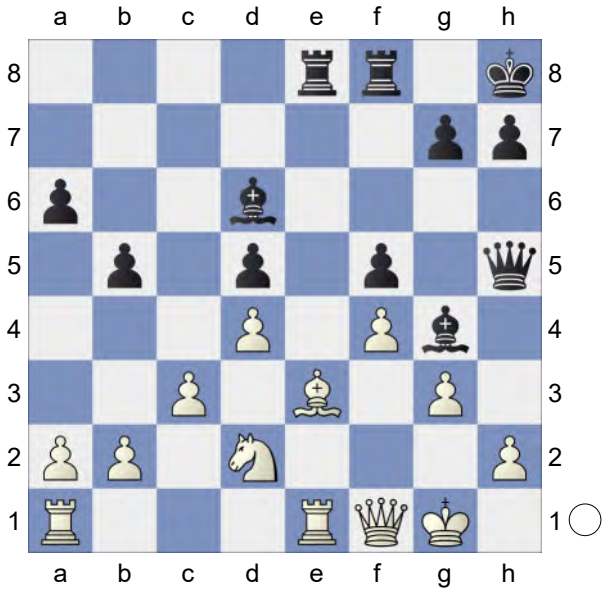
11.Rxe5 c6N
[11...Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Be3 Qd6 16.Nd2 Re7 17.Nf1 Rae8 18.Qd2 Qc6 19.f3 Bh4]
12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4



16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 f5
[17...Re6 18.a4 Qh5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Bg4 22.Qd2 Qh3 23.Bd1 Bxd1 24.Raxd1 f5 25.f4 g5]
18.Qf1 Qh5 19.f4 Kh8

[19...g5 20.Bxd5+ cxd5 21.Qg2
A) 21...Re4 22.fxg5 Kh8 23.h4 *(23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Qd2 Qh3±)* 23...Ree8 24.Qf2 f4 25.Bxf4 Be2 26.Bxd6 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Kg8 28.Be5 Bg4;
B) 21...gxf4 22.Qxd5+ Kg7 23.Bxf4 *(23.gxf4 Rf6)* 23...Bxf4 24.gxf4 Kh8 25.Qc6 Rc8 26.Qd6 Rf7]

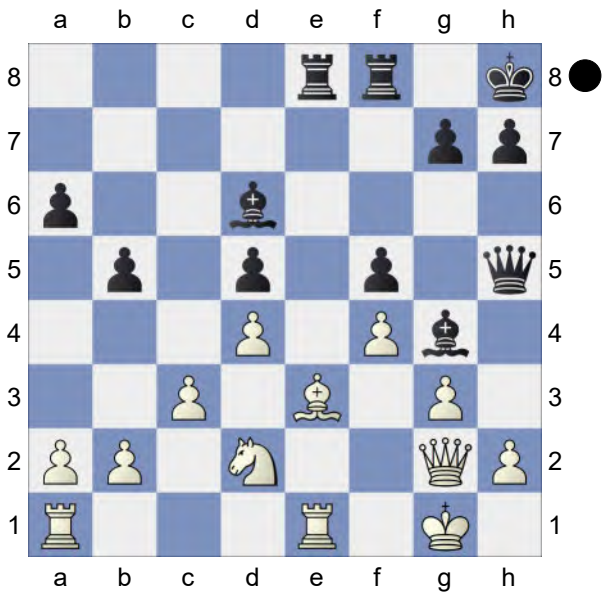
20.Bxd5 cxd5



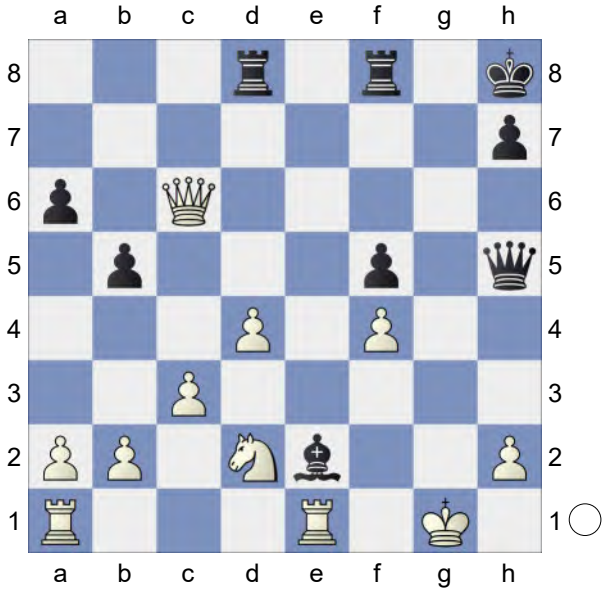
21.Qg2

[21.a4 bxa4! 22.Rxa4 g5 23.Raa1! Re6 24.fxg5 And now Be3-f4! would win. Rfe8! 25.Qf2 f4 0.57/23 *(25...Bh3!= 0.01/23)* 26.gxf4± Bh3 Repels Nd2-f1. Hoping for ...Qh5-g4+. 27.Rxa6 -0.01/29 *(27.Kh1!± 0.56/22)* 27...Rxe3]

(Diagram)

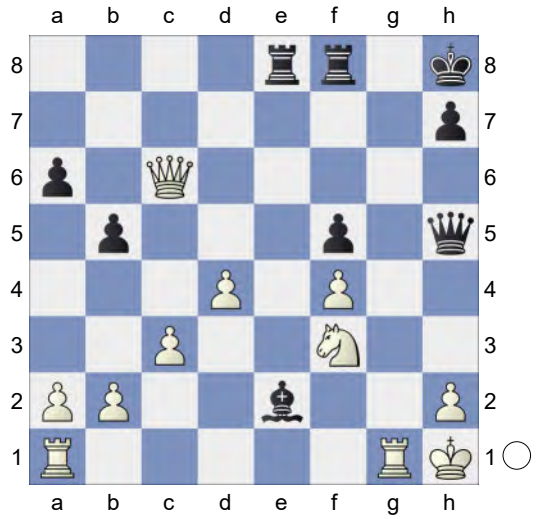


21...g5 0.99/22
[21...Re4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.h4 Bf3]
22.Qxd5? -0.71/23 **Rd8** 0.01/23
[22...Bb8!∓ -0.71/23 Threatens to win with ...Bg4-e2. 23.Bf2 *(23.fxg5 Be2±)* 23...Be2 24.fxg5 f4]
23.Qc6 The position is equal.
[23.fxg5 Bxg3 24.Qg2 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 f4∓]
23...gxf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Be2



26.Kh1 aiming for Re1-g1! **26...Rde8**
27.Rg1! Bd3N 1.97/22
[27...Qh4? 1.70/25 27...Be2-g4 0.01

A) 28.Nf3 0.41/23 28.Rg1-g2 1.74 Qh5 1.44/26 *(28...Qxf4± 0.41/23 29.Ng5 Qe3 30.Rg3 Qe7 31.Rag1 Rf6 32.Qg2 Bc4 33.b3 f4 34.Nxh7 Rh6 35.Rg5 f3 36.Qxf3 Qxh7 37.Qg2 Rg8 38.Rxg8+ Bxg8 39.Rf1 Rg6 40.Qf3 Rg5 41.Re1 Bd5 42.Qxd5 Rxd5 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Re7+ Kg6* 0-1 Abrantes,V-Cleto,F Final VII C. P 1991 *)*



29.Rg3!;

B) White should play 28.Rg2+- 1.70/25 Qxf4 29.Re1 Qxd2 30.Reg1 Bf3 31.Qxf3 Qh6 32.Re2 f4 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Rf1 Re3 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Rg1+ Kf7 37.Qg8+ Kf6 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kf6 40.Qd6+ Re6 41.Qd8+ Kf5 42.Qd7 Qh3 43.Qf7+ 1-0 Kwolek-Olszewski,A corr_100612 1990;

C) 28.Qg2? -0.01/23 28...Rg8!= 29.Qc6 Rgf8? 1.76/22 *(29...Bg4=* -0.25/26 and Black has nothing to worry. *)* 30.Qg2? -0.01/19 *(30.Rae1+-* 1.76/22 *)* 30...Rg8!= 31.Qc6 -0.82/23 *(31.Qd5!?=* 0.01/25 remains equal. *Qxf4 32.Rxg8+ Rxg8 33.Qe5+ Qxe5 34.dxe5=)*]

[27...Bg4± 0.31/23 28.Qd6 *(28.Qxa6 Re2 29.Rg2 Rxg2 30.Kxg2 Qh3+* Deflection *31.Kf2 Qxh2+ 32.Kf1 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 Bh3 34.Qb7 Rg8+ 35.Kh1 Bg2+ 36.Kh2 Bxb7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *37.Kh3 Qh5#; 28.Rae1 Re4=)* 28...Bf3+ 29.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 30.Rg2 Rf7]

28.Rg2+- Strongly threatening Ra1-g1!

[28.Qxa6 Re2]

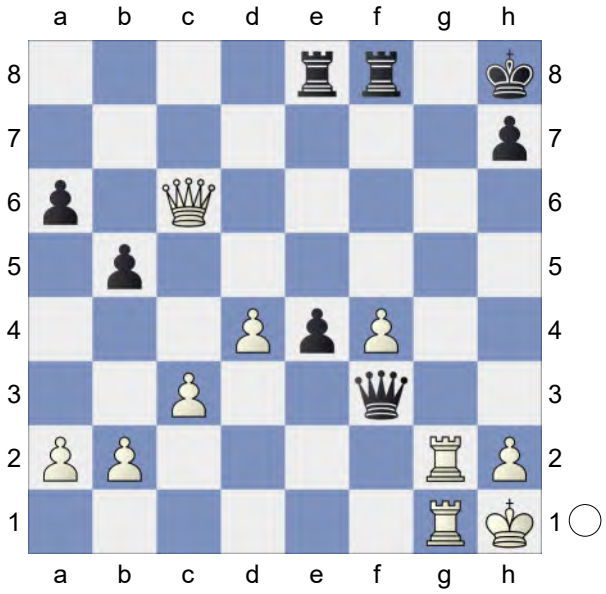
28...Be4 29.Nxe4

[29.Qxa6 Bxg2+ 30.Kg1 Qg4]

29...fxe4 30.Rag1

[30.Qxa6 Rxf4 31.Rag1 e3+-]

30...Qf3



31.Qh6 Rf7

[31...Qxf4 32.Qg7#]

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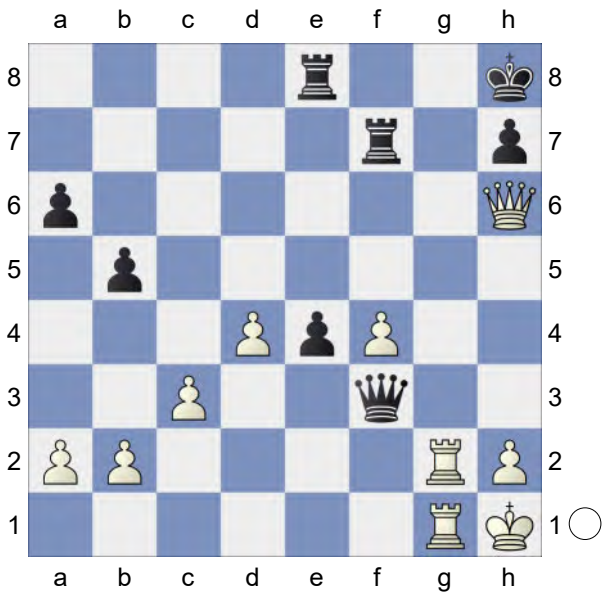
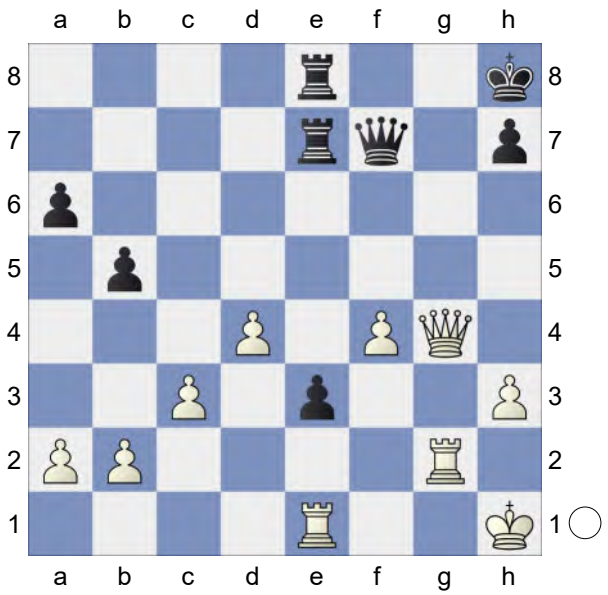
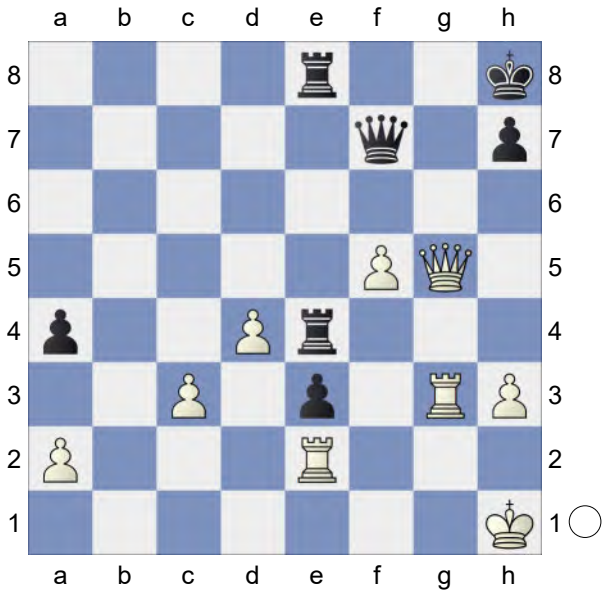


Prevents Qh6-g7+ **32.Qg5!**
[32.Qxa6? Rg8 33.Qxb5 Rfg7-+]
32...e3 33.Qg4 1.28/22
[33.Qg3+- 1.69/23 Qe4 34.h3]
33...Qd5 2.59/22 This costs Black the game.
[33...Qe4± 1.28/22 34.Re1 Qxf4]
34.h3 Rfe7 35.Re1 Qf7

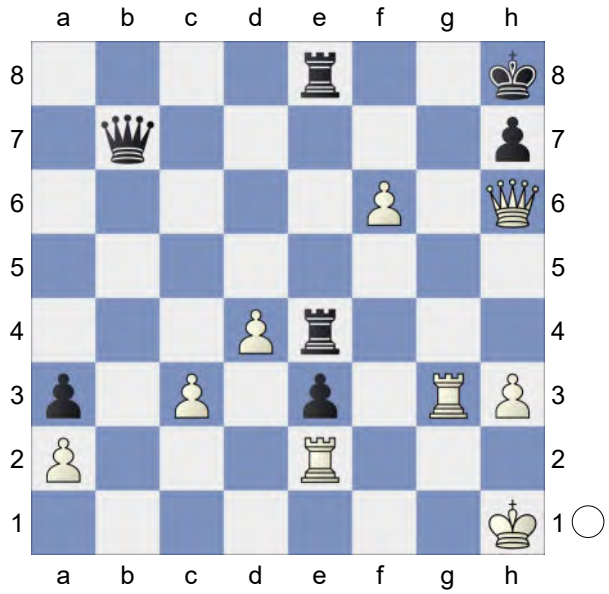


36.f5 a5 3.33/23
[36...b4 2.17/21 might work better. 37.cxb4 Qf6]
37.Qg5 Re4 38.Ree2 b4 Vorgänger: **39.Rg3 bxc3** 4.06/25
[⌓39...a4 2.87/21 40.a3 *(40.Rgxe3 Rxe3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3±; 40.cxb4 Rxd4 41.f6 Rd2+-; 40.Rexe3 Rxe3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3=)* 40...bxc3 41.bxc3 R4e7]
40.bxc3
[40.Rgxe3 cxb2 *(40...Rxe3? 41.Rxe3 Qd5+ 42.Kh2-+)* 41.Rxe4 b1Q+ *(41...b1R+ 42.Kh2±)* 42.Qg1 Qxe4+ *(42...Rxe4? 43.Qxb1 Rxe2 44.Qb8+ Re8 45.Qb2-+)* 43.Rxe4 Rxe4-+]
40...a4

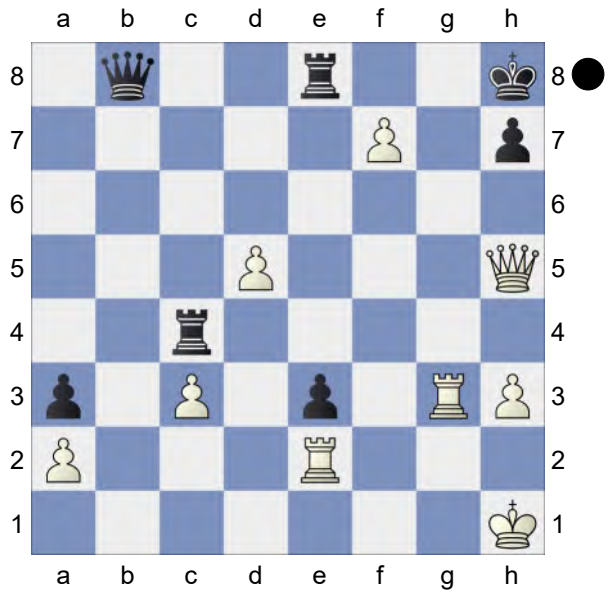


41.f6
[41.Rexe3? loses. Rxe3 42.Rxe3 Qd5+ 43.Kg1 Rg8-+]
41...a3? 11.89/21
[41...Rg8 2.64/24 42.Qxg8+ Qxg8 43.Rxg8+ Kxg8]
42.Qh6 White threatens Rg3-g7! and mate.
[42.Rexe3 Rxe3 43.Rxe3 Rxe3 44.Qxe3 Qd5+ 45.Kg1 Qxa2=]
42...Qb7

(Diagram)



43.d5! White wants to mate with Rg3-g7.
43...Rc4
[43...Ra4 44.Qh5]
44.Qh5 Qb8 45.f7



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0-1

102 **C89**
□ **Goltsev,Dmitry** **2251**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2631**
Speed Chess Q2 Sw blitz (1) 23.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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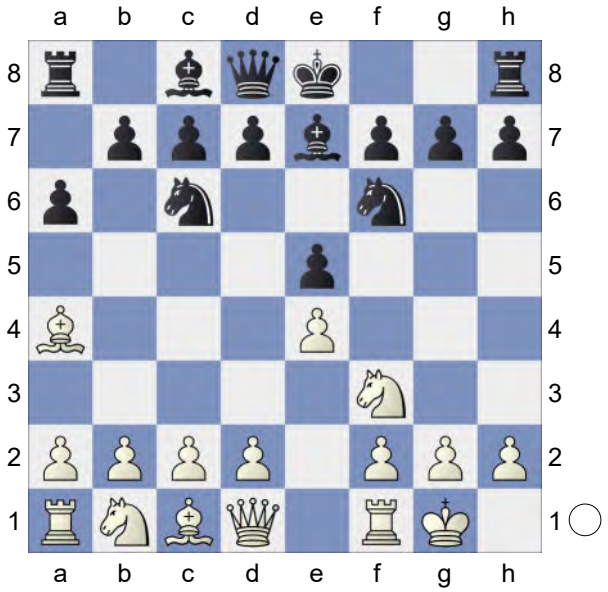
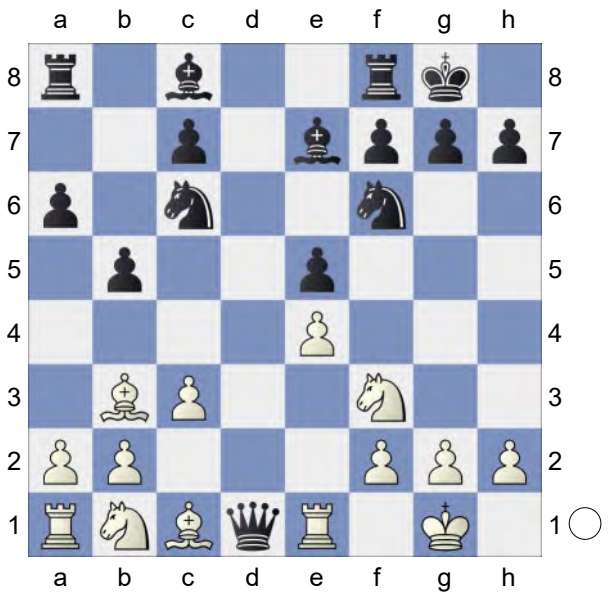
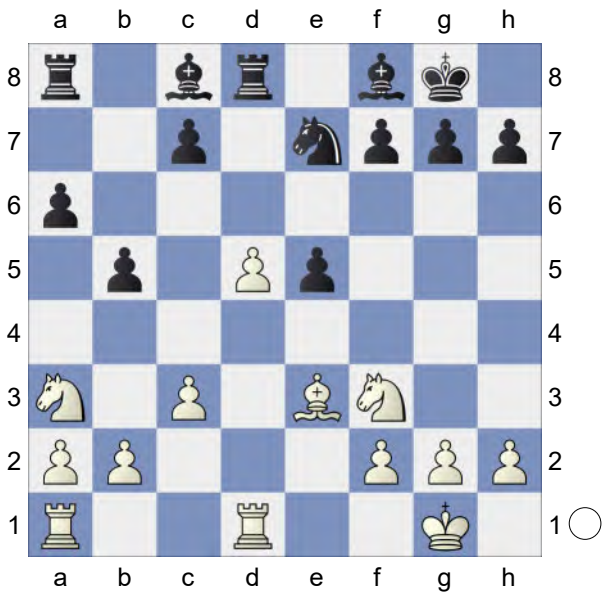


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1

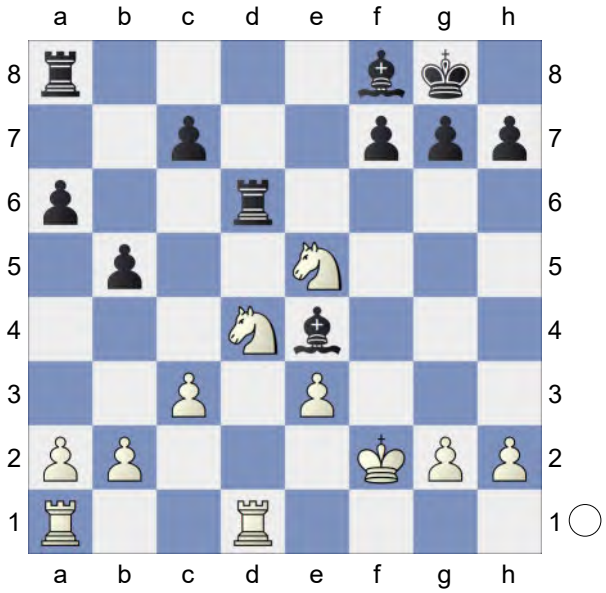


11.Rxd1 -0.70/21
[11.Bxd1= -0.26/22 Rd8 *(11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 a4 15.Nbd2 Rfb8 16.a3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nf1 Be6* The Marshall Declined-D3,B 2009*)* 12.a4]
11...Bc5!?N -0.10/21 '!?' Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.Exploring less charted territory.Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[11...Nxe4∓ -0.70/21 12.Be3 *(12.Bd5 Rd8* 9. d3 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's *)* 12...Bb7]
12.Bd5N -0.56/21
[Vorgänger: 12.Nbd2= -0.10/21 Bb7 13.h3 Rfe8 14.Bc2 Rad8 15.Re1 Nh5 16.Nf1 Nf4 17.Be3 Bf8 0.49/20 *(17...Bxe3=* 0.01/19 is more appropriate. *18.Nxe3 f6)* 18.b4 0-1 Grishaev,I (1922)-Basencyan,M (2187) Chigorin Memorial 23rd 2015 (3)0-1 Grishaev,I (1922)-Basencyan,M (2187) Chigorin Memorial 23rd 2015 (3)]
12...Nxd5∓ Black is slightly better.
13.exd5 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Na3 Ne7

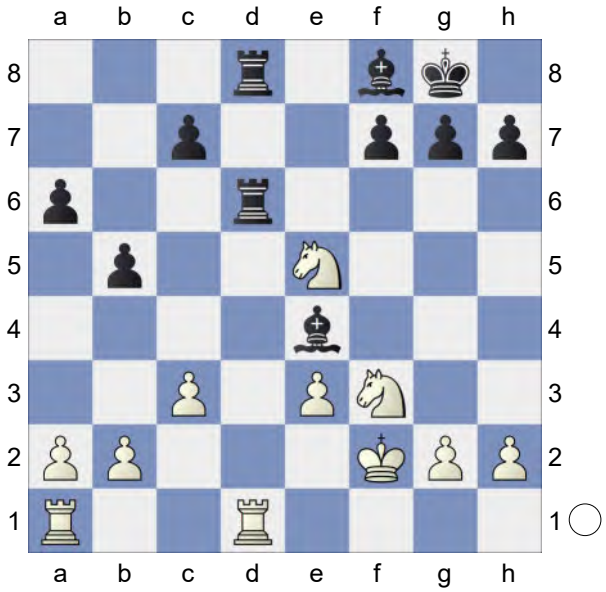


...f7-f6 would now be deadly. **16.Nxe5**

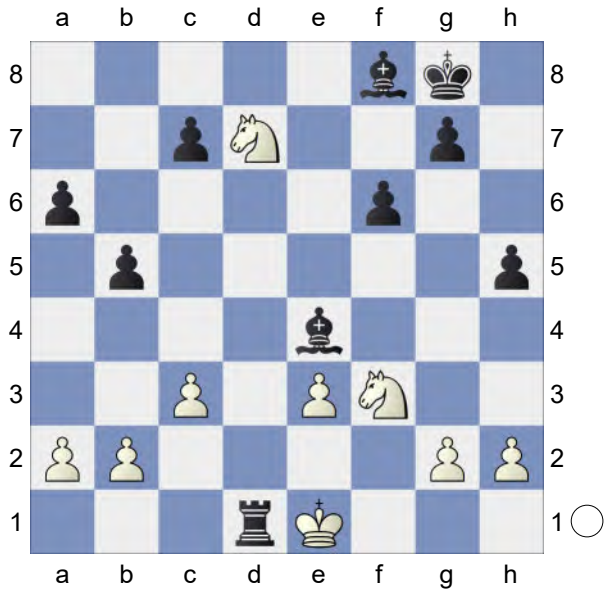
Nxd5 17.Nc2 -1.48/22
[17.c4∓ -0.67/21 bxc4 18.Naxc4]
17...Bf5∓ 18.Nd4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Be4 20.Kf2 Rd6



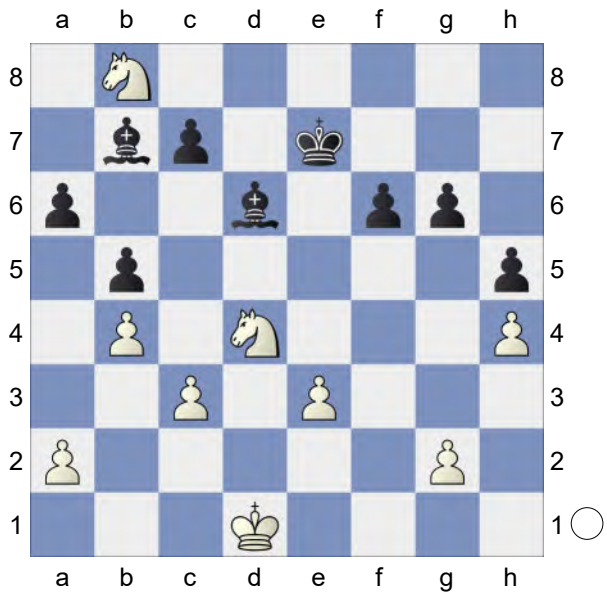
21.Ndf3 -1.66/21
[21.b4∓ -1.16/19 was called for.]
21...Rad8? 0.10/23
[21...f6-+ -1.66/21 22.Rxd6 Bxd6]



22.Rxd6!= Rxd6
[22...cxd6 23.Nxf7 Ra8 24.N7g5]
23.Ke1? -1.69/21 This move loses the game for White.
[23.Nxf7!= 0.13/21 Rf6 *(23...Kxf7 24.Ng5+ Ke8 25.Nxe4±)* 24.N7g5]
23...h5↑ ...f7-f6 is the strong threat. Keeping White busy. **24.Rd1** -2.88/26
[24.Nxf7∓ -1.53/22 was the only chance. Rg6 25.N7g5 Bxf3 26.Nxf3 Rxg2 27.b3]
24...f6-+ 25.Nd7 Rxd1+

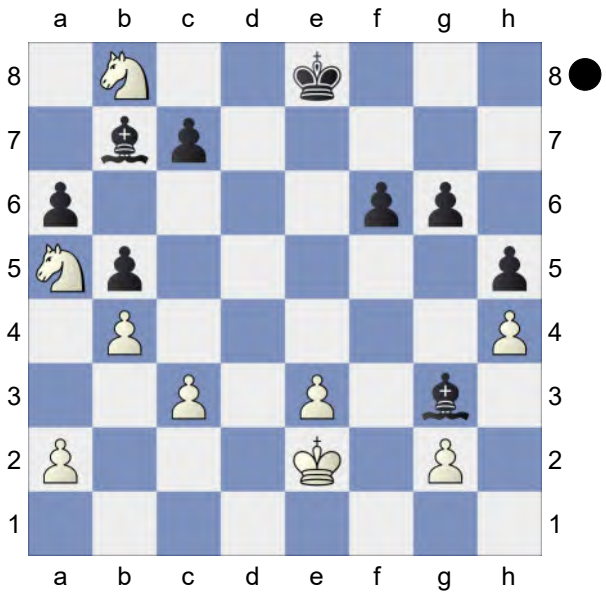


26.Kxd1 Endgame. KBB-KNN **26...Bd6** White must now prevent ...a6-a5. **27.b4 Kf7 28.h4 Ke7 29.Nb8 Bb7 30.Nd4 g6**

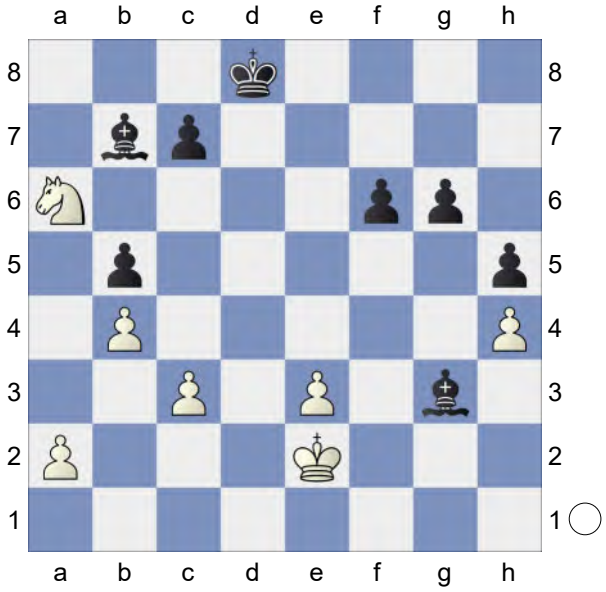


And now ...Bd6-g3! would win. **31.Ndc6+**

Ke8 32.Ke2 Bg3 33.Na5? -6.29/24
[33.Kf3 -2.91/22 Bxh4 34.g3]

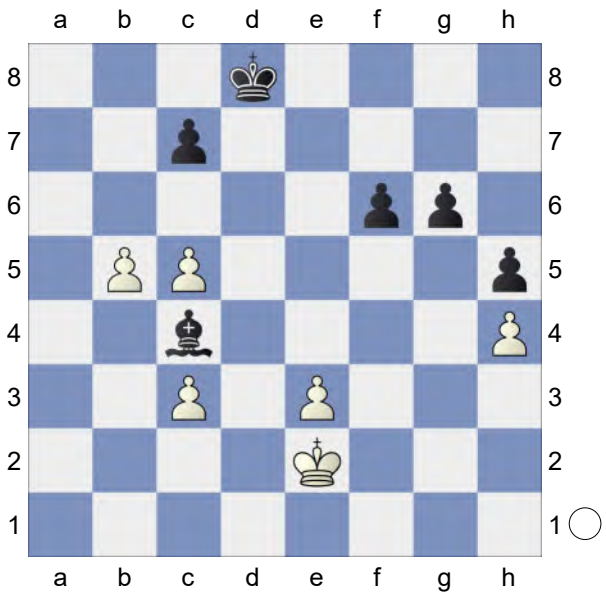


33...Bxg2 34.Nxa6 Kd8 35.Nb7+? -8.66/24
[35.Nc5 -3.50/22]
35...Bxb7



This pair of bishops is nice. Black is clearly winning. **36.Nc5 Bd5 37.a4 Bd6 38.axb5 Bxc5 39.bxc5 Bc4+**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

103 **C89**
□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2495**
■ **Salem,AR Saleh** **2677**
Dubai op-A 23rd (3) 29.05.2023
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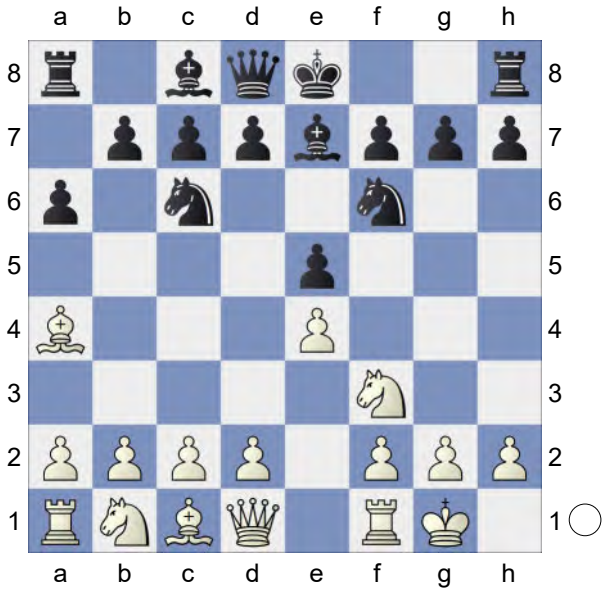
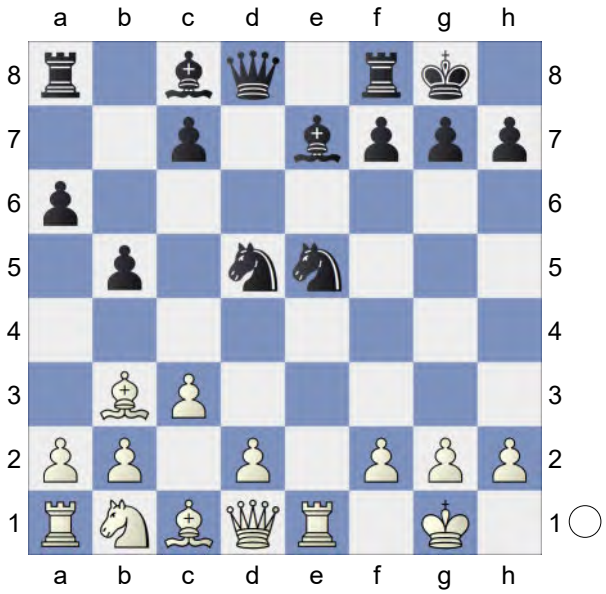
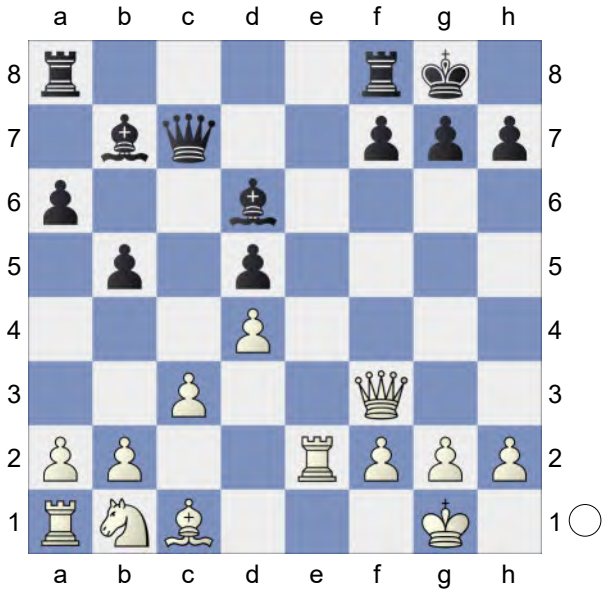


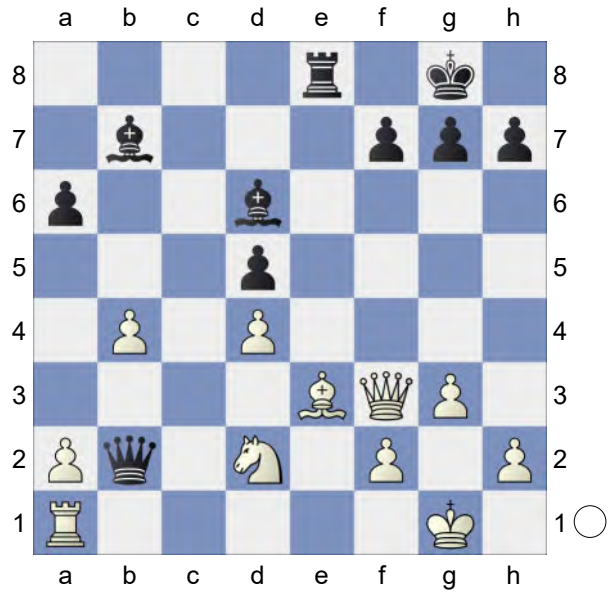
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



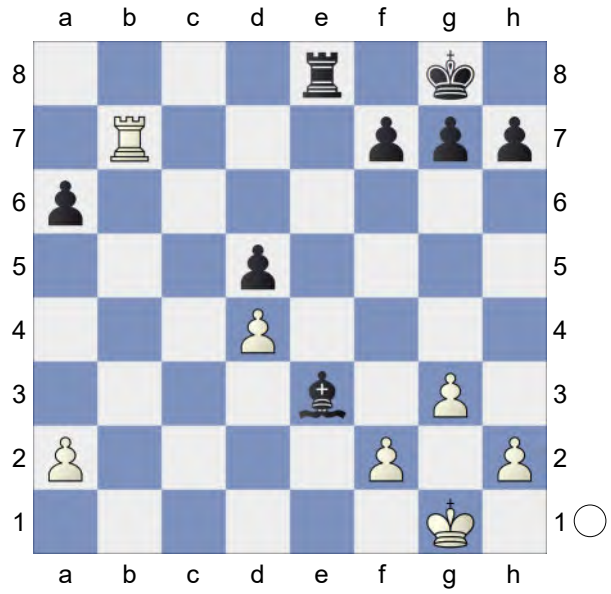
11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6
14.Re2 14.Re1 deserves study. 14.Te1 verdient Beachtung.14.Re1 deserves study. 14.Te1 verdient Beachtung.
14...cxd5 15.d4 Qc7!



16.g3 White has an edge. **16...Rae8**
17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Be3
[18.Bd2 a5 19.b3 Qc6 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Qb6 22.Qd1 Bc6 23.Ra1 Rb8 24.Kg2 Bd7 25.Be3 Qxb3 26.Qxb3 Rxb3 27.Nd2 Ra3 28.Rc1 Kf8 29.c4 Bb4 30.cxd5 Rxe3 31.fxe3 Bxd2 32.Rc7 Ke7 0-1 Szocs,L-Matsukevich II 73/358 Dortmund 1998]
18...b4 19.cxb4N
[19.a3 a5 20.axb4 axb4 21.cxb4 Qc2 22.Nd2 Bxb4 23.Ra7 Qc6 24.Qd1 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C4 2000]
19...Qc2! 20.Nd2 Qxb2N
[Vorgänger: 20...Bxb4 21.Qd1! Rc8 22.Nf3 f6 23.a3 Bd6 24.Rc1 Qxd1+! 25.Rxd1 a5 26.Rc1 Kf7 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 ½-½ Sokolov,A (2495)-Yermolinsky,A (2420) URS U26-ch Vilnius 1984 (1) ½-½ Sokolov,A (2495)-Yermolinsky,A (2420) URS U26-ch Vilnius 1984 (1)]

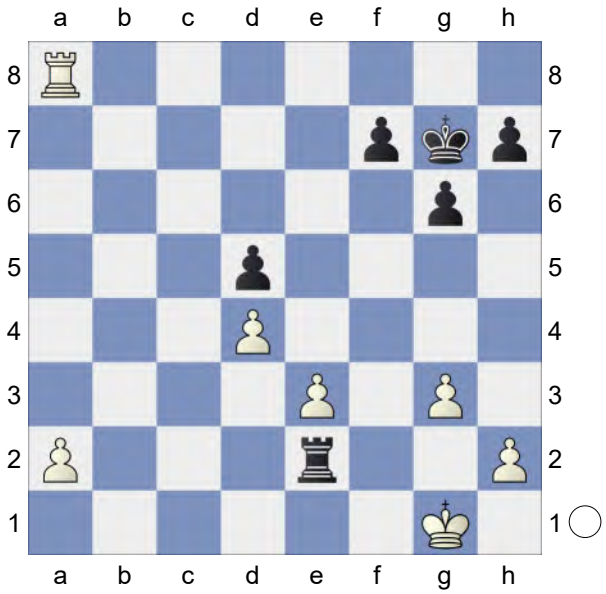


21.Qd1 Bxb4 0.64/23
[21...Bc8= -0.01/22]
22.Rb1!± Qa3 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.Rxb3 Bxd2
[Of course not 24...a5 25.a3 Bxd2 26.Bxd2±]
25.Rxb7 Bxe3

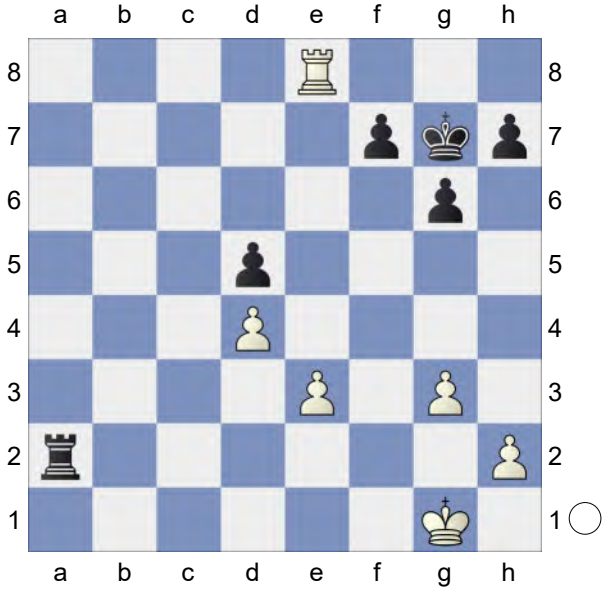


26.fxe3= Endgame. KR-KR **26...g6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Ra3 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Re2 30.Ra8+ Kg7**

(Diagram)



31.Re8 Rxa2



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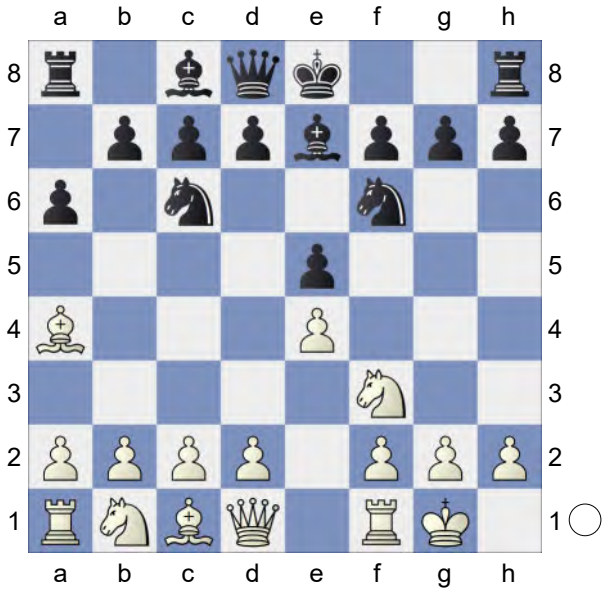
½-½

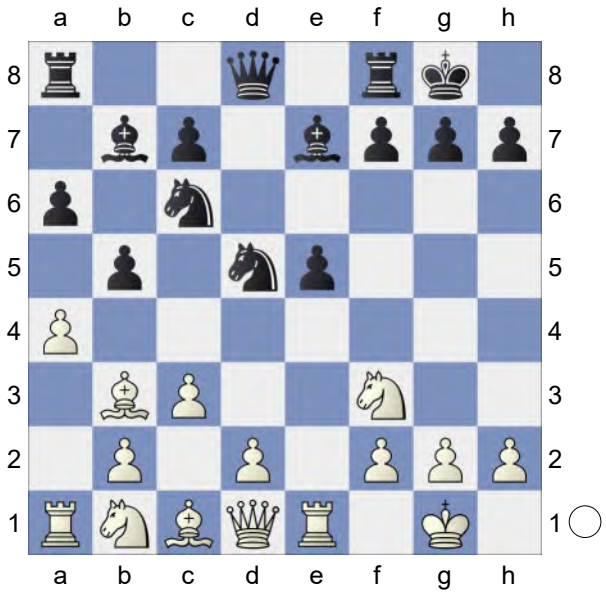
104 **C89**
□ **Adamovics,Aleksejs** **2024**
■ **Chocenka,Dmitrijus** **2351**
Riga Tech Rapid op (6) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3! 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.Qd2.7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.Dd2. **7...0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a4 Bb7**

(Diagram)



11.axb5N axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qd6 15.Ng5 -0.04/20
[15.d4± 0.32/20 exd4 *(15...Nxc3? 16.Qc2+- Nd5 17.dxe5 Qd7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qc5 Nce7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Nxe6 Rc8 22.Nf4 c6 23.Rxe7* 1-0 Fabrizi,M-Holmes,R BCCA SO 0001 CG49 2000 *)* 16.cxd4]
15...Na5N
[15...Nf4 16.d4 Nxg2 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Qf3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 1-0 Krebs,J (2375)-Frederiks,R (2505) EU/FSM/60 ICCF 1997]

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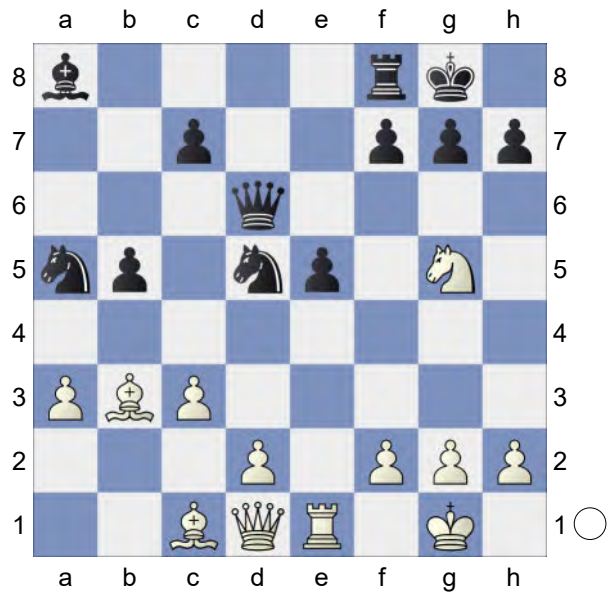
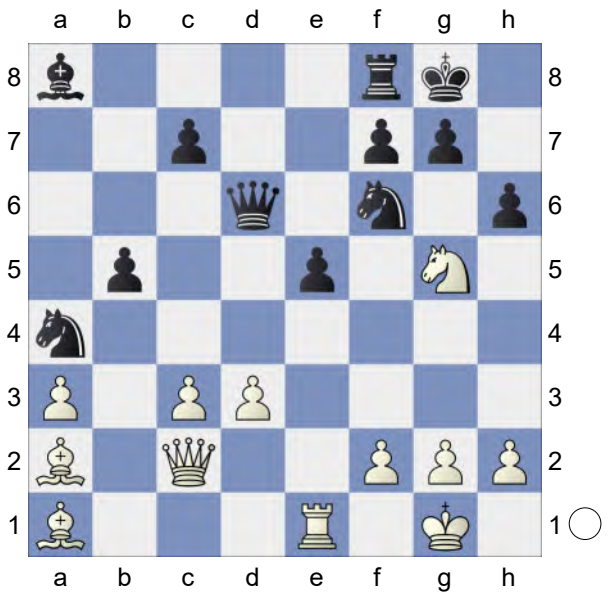


Strongly threatening ...Na5xb3. The position is equal. **16.Ba2** -1.19/20
[16.Bc2= 0.05/20 h6 17.Nf3]
16...Nc4 -0.01/22
[16...Qg6!∓ -1.19/20 17.Bxd5 *(17.Rxe5? Nc4-+)* 17...Bxd5]
17.Qc2
[17.Bxc4 -0.53/21 17.Qd1-c2 -0.01 bxc4]
17...Nf6 18.d3J White has counterplay
18...Nb6 19.Bb2 -0.65/23
[19.c4= 0.06/20]
19...Na4 -0.26/22
[19...h6∓ -0.65/23 was preferrable. 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.dxe4 Nc4]
20.Ba1
[20.d4 -1.15/21 20.Bb2-a1 -0.28 Qc6 -0.43/24 *(20...exd4∓ -1.15/21 21.cxd4 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Bxc6)* 21.d5!∓ Qd6]
20...h6 -0.01/23
[20...Qc6 0.23/22 20...Na4-c5 -0.46 21.Ne4 *(21.Nf3 Nd7)* 21...Nxe4 22.dxe4 Nb6 Prevents c3-c4.]
[20...Nc5!∓ -0.50/22 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Nce4 23.Nxe4 *(23.Rxe4? Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4-+)* 23...Bxe4]



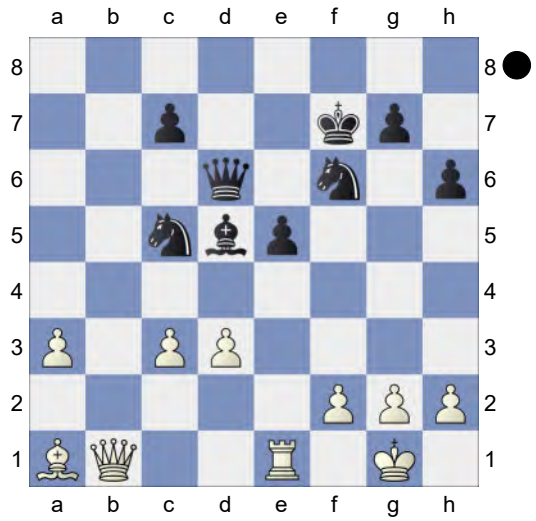
21.Nxf7! Decoy
[21.Nf3? -1.81/23 21.Ng5xf7 -0.01 Bxf3]
[21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.dxe4 Qxa3]
21...Rxf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qb3+ White is weak on the light squares
23...Bd5
[23...Nd5 White must now prevent ... Na4-c5. 24.Qxb5 Bc6 25.Qb3 -1.15/23 *(25.Qc4= -0.01/22)*]
[23...Qd5 24.Qxd5+
A) 24...Bxd5= -0.01/25
A1) 25.c4!= 0.08/24 bxc4 26.dxc4 Bxc4 *(26...Be6)* 27.Rxe5;
A2) 25.Rxe5 -0.54/22 25...Nc5 0.11/23 *(25...c5!∓ -0.54/22)* 26.Re3;
B) 24...Nxd5 0.48/22]
24.Qxb5
[24.c4 Nc5 25.Qc3 Bxg2!? *(25...bxc4 26.dxc4 Be6 27.Qxe5 Nd3)*
A) 26.Qxe5 Bc6 27.cxb5 Bxb5= *(27...Nxd3? 28.Qxd6 cxd6 29.bxc6+-)*;
B) 26.Kxg2 Nxd3 27.Kf1 Nxe1]
24...Nc5

[24...Qxa3 25.c4 Be6 *(25...Nc3 26.Qb2±)* 26.Qxe5± *(26.Bxe5?! Nd7±)*]

25.c4

[25.Rb1? -3.27/21 25.c3-c4 0.01 Bc6 -1.35/21 0-1 Papasimakopoulos,A (2251)-Korobov,A (2683) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th June blitz 2021 (3) *(25...Nh5-+ -3.27/21 26.Rb4 Nf4 27.Rxf4+ exf4)* 26.Qc4+∓ Bd5 0.01/29 (Better is *26...Ne6∓* -1.43/20 ...e5-e4! would now be deadly. *27.Rd1 e4)*]

[25.Qb1



e4 -0.28/25 *(25...Bxg2!∓* -1.07/21 *26.Kxg2 Nxd3)* 26.c4 -0.65/23 *(26.dxe4=* -0.28/25 is superior. *Bxe4 27.Qd1)* 26...Ng4!∓ 27.g3 Bc6

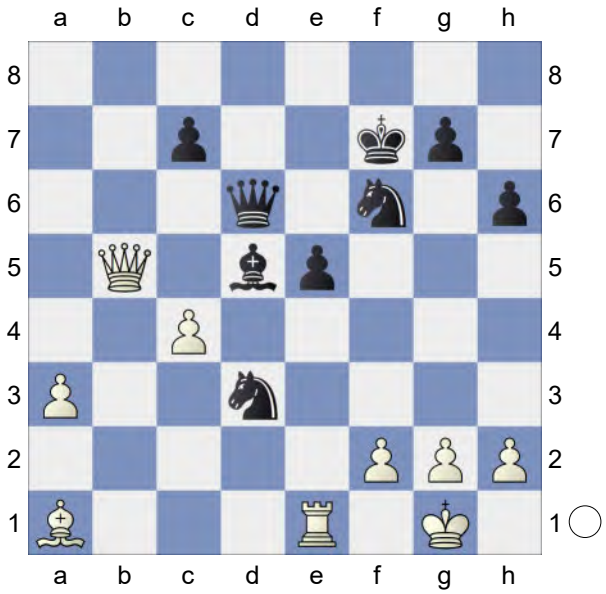
A) 28.dxe4∓ -0.60/23 Qd2 *(28...Nd3* Discovered Attack *29.Rf1)* 29.Rf1 Nxe4 30.Qb8? -2.62/24 *(30.Qb2∓* -0.56/23 *Qxb2 31.Bxb2)* 30...Qd7;

B) 28.Qb2? -2.67/24 28...Nf6]

[25.d4 exd4 26.cxd4 Ne6 27.Qb4 *(27.Re3* -1.27/20 27.Qb5-b4 -0.67 *Ng4 28.Rg3 Qf4; 27.a4 Ng4!)* 27...Qxb4 28.axb4 Nf4]

25...Nxd3

(Diagram)



Excellent horsemanship. **26.c5**

Deflection. Some like it hot

[26.cxd5 -0.64/20 26.c4-c5 0.01 Nxe1 27.Qe2 Nxg2! 28.Kxg2 Qxd5+]

[26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.cxd5 Nxd5? 1.68/21 *(27...Qxa3∓* -1.22/24 keeps the pressure on. *28.Qe2 Nd3)*]

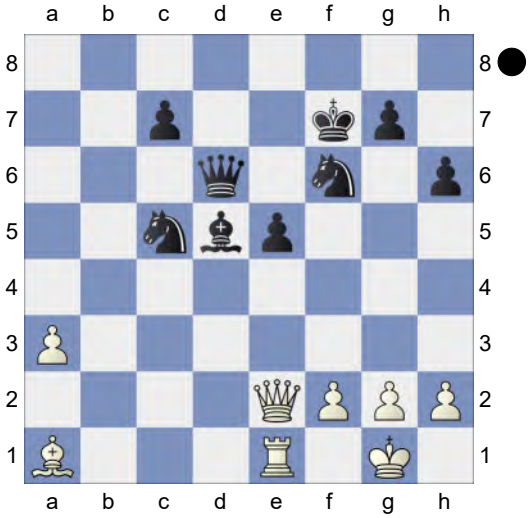
26...Nxc5

[26...Qxc5? too greedy. 27.Qxd3 e4 28.Qd2+-]

27.Bxe5

[27.Rxe5 -0.83/22 27.Ba1xe5 -0.01 Nce4 28.Bb2 c6]

[27.Qe2



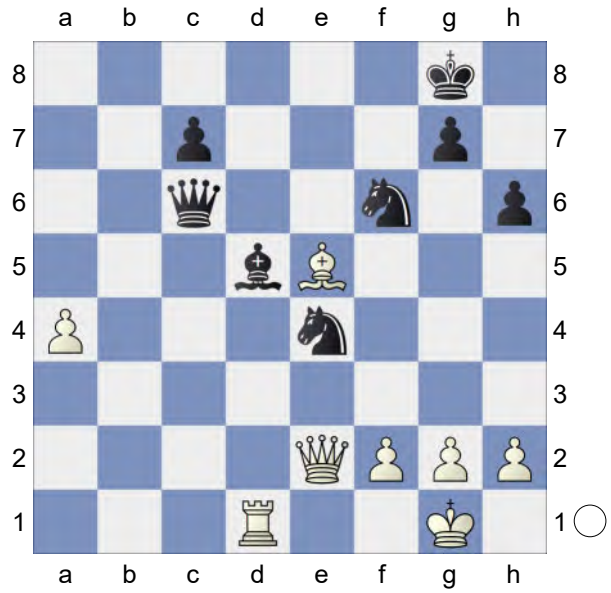
Vorgänger: 27...e4! 28.Bxf6
A) 28...Qxf6 29.Qh5+ -2.32/21 *(⌓29.Rc1 -1.87/21 Nd3 30.Rxc7+ Kg8 31.Rc8+ Kh7 32.h3)* 29...Ke6;
B) 28...Kxf6 29.Rb1 Nd3]

27...Qb6 28.Qe2 aiming for Be5xf6.
[28.Qxb6 cxb6 29.Bc7 *(29.Rb1* And now Be5xf6! would win. *Nfd7)* 29...b5!]

28...Nce4 29.a4 Kg8 0.53/20
[Black should try 29...Qa7= -0.01/21]

30.Rd1± White has compensation.
[30.Bxf6 -0.15/22 30.Re1-d1 0.54 Qxf6 1.30/21 *(30...Nxf6=* -0.15/22 *31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 Bf7)* 31.a5± c5 1.67/20 *(31...Nc5±* 1.05/20 was called for. *)*]
[30.h3 Nd7]

30...Qc6 0.94/21
[30...Qc5± 0.46/21]



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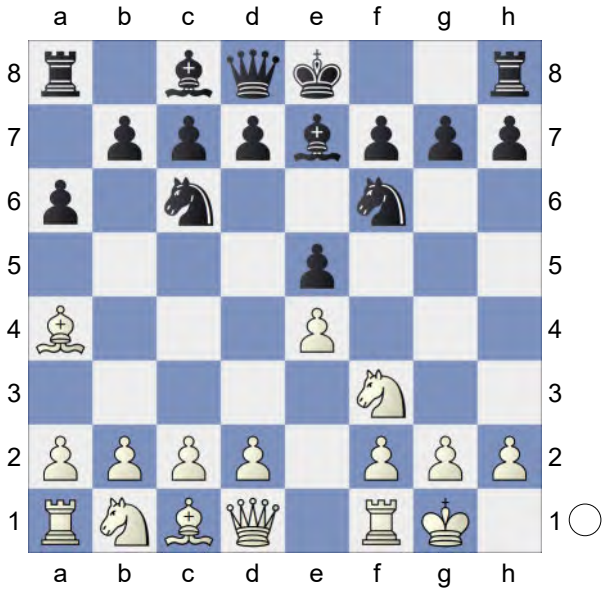
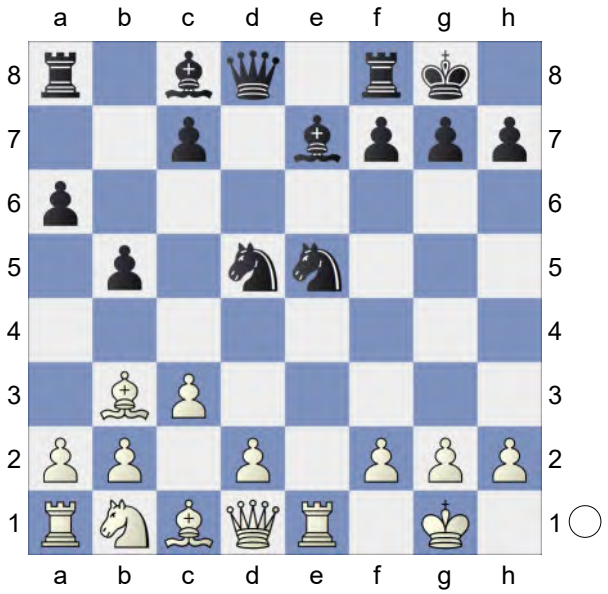
105 **C89**
□ **Paravyan,David** **2586**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early ..
[Kosten,Tony]

1.e4 Kosten,Tony, NH Blatny,Pavel **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



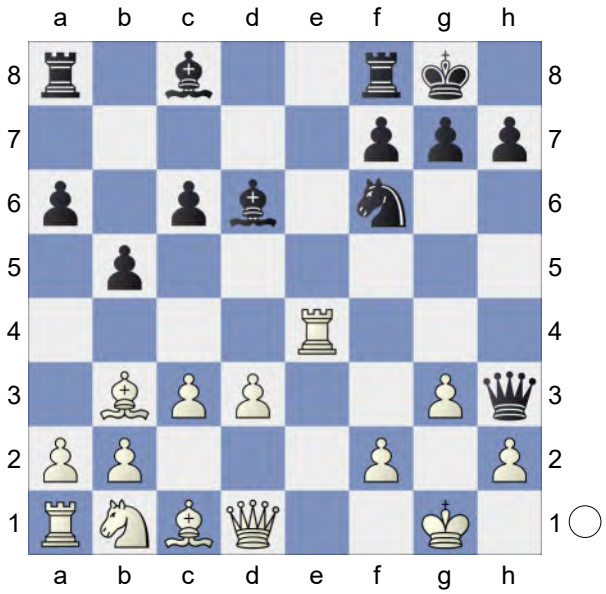
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Qh4

[13...Bf5 is slightly more popular overall, and scores higher - see the PGN Archive for over 30 annotated examples of this move.]

14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 outshines the older 15...Qf5.erfolgreicher als das alte 15...Df5.

[15...Qf5 is the most popular move here, see Anand,V-Adams,M in the Archive.]

[15...Qd7 was examined by Victor in the game Kotronias,V-Sokolov,I.]



Apparently, according to 'Nunn's Chess Openings' this is probably the best move, although that judgement was made a long time ago. outshines the older 15... Qf5. erfolgreicher als das alte 15...Df5.

16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2

[17.Bc2 Re8 18.d4 Qd5 transposes. 19.Bb3 Qf5 20.Bc2 is a common repetition, as in, say Nakamura,H (2768) -Carlsen,M (2852) Chess.com INT 2023.]

17...g5

[17...Qxd3?? loses to 18.Rd4 Qf5 19.Rxd6]

18.Rd4!? This creative idea of

Ivanchuck's hasn't been tried for over twenty years!. Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[18.Rh6 is the main move by far, Ng4 forking f2 and h6, 19.Ne4 Nxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg6 *(20...Qh3? 21.Qe2* to be able to defend h2 with f2-f3, and Black is losing, Dvirnyy,D (2461)-Gori,A (2182) Milan 2009, 1-0 (29).*)* 21.Ne4 *(21.Nxc8!?* is rarely played, but looks quite good: *Raxc8 22.d4 c5 23.Bc2 f5 24.a4 c4 25.Bd2* Steinbacher,T (2416)-Rogule,L (2465) ICCF email 2020, ü-ü (38). *; 21.Qd2 Qxd6 22.Qxg5+ Qg6 23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Bxh6 Re8 25.Be3 Bf5 26.d4 Be4* equal, Leko,P (2713)-Grischuk,A (2671) Dubai 2002, ü-ü (35). *)* 21...Bf5 *(21...Bg4?! 22.Qd2* Anand,V (2782)-Shirov,A (2725) Mainz 2004, 1-0 (59).*)* 22.Nxg5 *(22.f3 g4* Wang,H (2512)-Motylev,A (2675) Tiayuan 2005, ü-ü (49) . *)* 22...Rfe8 23.d4 Re7 24.Bd2 Rae8 25.Nf3 White has two pawns for the exchange, and the better structure, but this is probably just equal, Bubir, S (2086)-Muller,H (2074) IECC email 2001, 1-0 (50).]

[18.Ne4!? is also possible, gxh4 19.Nxd6 Qg6 20.Bf4!?]

18...Bc5 'Trapping' the rook.

[18...Be5 19.Nf3 would transpose.]

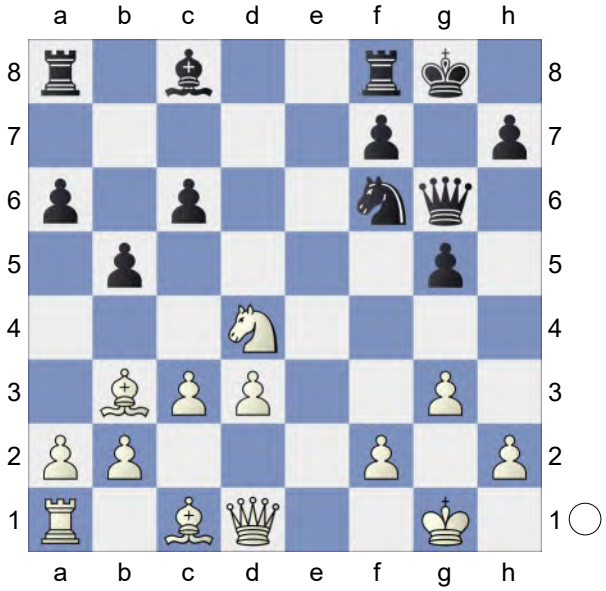
19.Nf3 Bxd4N

[Predecessor: Black grabs the exchange immediately. In the only previous game Black sensibly defended his g5-pawn: 19...h6 20.Bf4?! an incredible idea! *(20.h4* is logical, and probably best, *Bxd4 21.cxd4!?)* 20...Bb7 Black refuses to capture anything! *(20...gxf4?! 21.Rxf4 Qg6 22.Ne5 Qg7 23.Qf3 Bd6! 24.Rxf6 Bxe5 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Qxc6 Rb8 27.Re1* is wild.*; 20...Bxd4! 21.Nxd4 Qh3 22.Bd6 Ng4 23.Nf3 Re8* is clearly better for Black. *)* 21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 c5 23.Nd2 *(23.Ne1)* 23...Rad8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bc2 Ng4 0-1 (51) Ivanchuk, V (2714)-Timman,J (2649) Wijk aan Zee 1999 CBM 069 [Blatny,Pavel] 26.Qe2 c4 27.Bd1 Rxd3 and Black is winning, Ivanchuk,V (2714)-Timman, J (2649) Wijk aan Zee 1999, 0-1 (51).]

[19...a5!? is a Stockfish suggestion.]

20.Nxd4 Qg6

[20...Qh3?! 21.Bxg5 Ng4 22.Nf3 defends.]



Keeping the g5-pawn defended.

21.Qf3?!

[21.Nxc6 is obvious and best: Re8 22.Be3 Bb7 23.Na5 Bd5 24.Bd4 White has two pawns for the exchange and a powerful bishop on d4, but Black is still for choice after g4]

21...Bb7?!
[21...Bd7! is stronger as the g4 square needs defending, 22.Nxc6 Rae8 23.Be3 and now Ng4 is awkward, attacking the knight on c6, 24.Nd4 Qh6 25.Qg2 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rxe3 and with the loss of this pawn White s position loses its attractiveness.]
22.Nf5 With a transparent threat.
[22.Qf5! turns the tables, g4 23.Bg5 with advantage, White will regain another pawn.]
22...Rae8 Black obviously had to stop Ne7+. **23.Be3 c5!** Possibly the move White missed. **24.Qxb7**
[24.Nh6+!? would force Black to capture the knight on a less active square, Qxh6 25.Qxb7 Ng4 26.Bxc5 Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Re5! 28.Bd4 Rf5 29.Qg2 but this is still better for Black after, say, Qh5]
24...Qxf5 25.Qxa6? White grabs a pawn, but this leaves his queen offside.
[25.Qa7 (to take on c5 and defend f2) Re5 26.d4 is a better bet, when Black needs to find Rxe3! 27.fxe3 Ng4 28.Rf1 Qe4 29.Rxf7 Qxe3+ *(29...c4)* 30.Kg2 Qe4+ 31.Kh3 c4 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Qb8+ Kf7 34.Qc7+ Kg6 35.Qd6+ Nf6 when, despite being a pawn down, Black is winning, 36.Bd1 g4+ 37.Kh4 Qg2 38.Bxg4 Qxh2+ 39.Bh3 Qxb2 but still, who can analyse such long tactics accurately, especially in a quick game?]
25...Ng4

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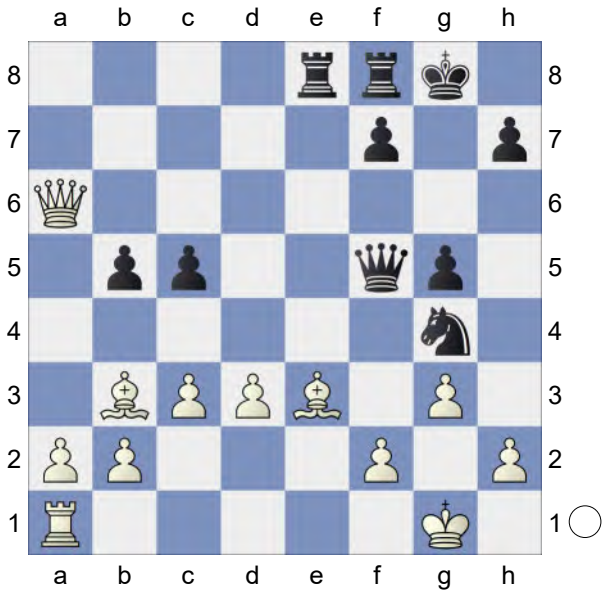

26.Rf1 Qf3?? A blunder in a winning position.
[26...Rxe3! 27.fxe3 Qxd3 again. is also convincing, after 28.Qc6 Qxe3+ 29.Kh1 Qe2 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Black has Ne3+ forking king and rook.]
[26...Nxe3 27.fxe3 Qxd3 28.Qf6 Qxe3+ 29.Rf2 c4 is also winning.]
27.Bd1 Skewering the queen and fending off the attack.
[27.Bxc5 is also good.]
27...Qf5 28.Bxg4 Qxg4 29.Bxc5 Re6 Otherwise White simply wins back an exchange and remains 3 pawns up.
30.Qxb5 Rfe8

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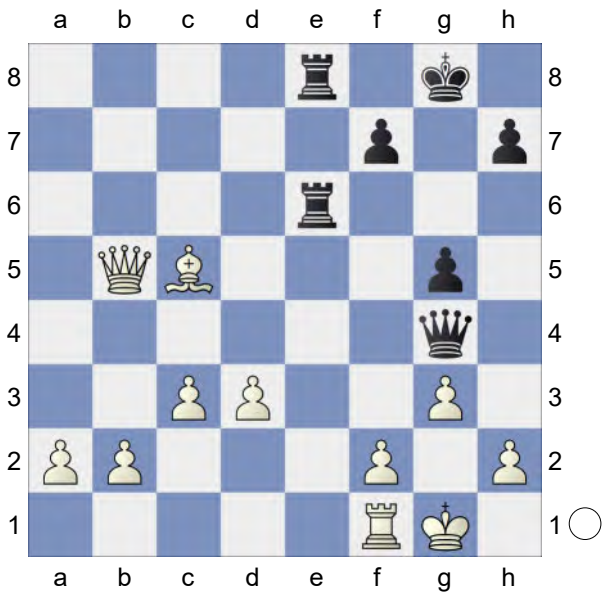
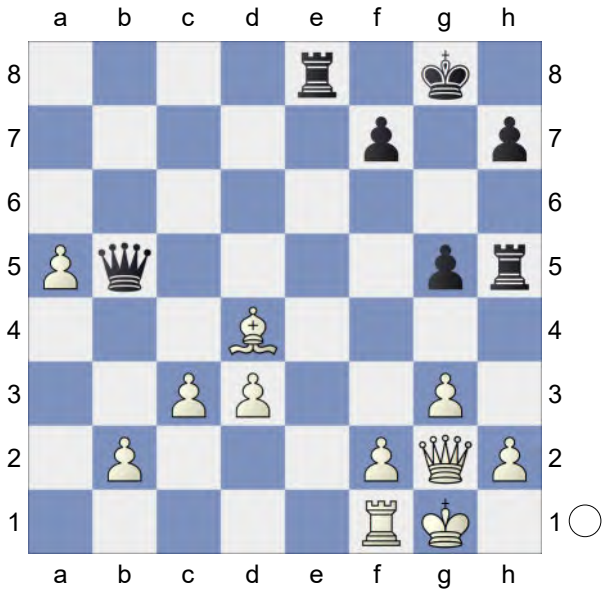


31.Bd4 Both players must have been down to a few seconds to explain the next two moves! **31...Rh6?? 32.Qd5??**
[32.Qxe8#]
32...Rh5 33.a4 Qh3 34.Qg2 Qd7 Black must keep the queens on the board as the endgame would be trivial. **35.a5 Qb5**



36.Qf3 Rh6 37.b4 The 4 connected passed pawns are unstoppable in the long run. **37...Rg6 38.h3 Qd7 39.Kg2 g4 40.hxg4 Rxg4**
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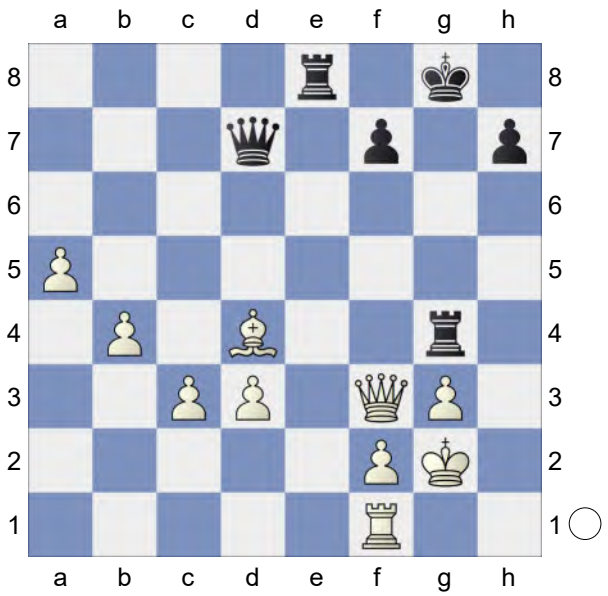
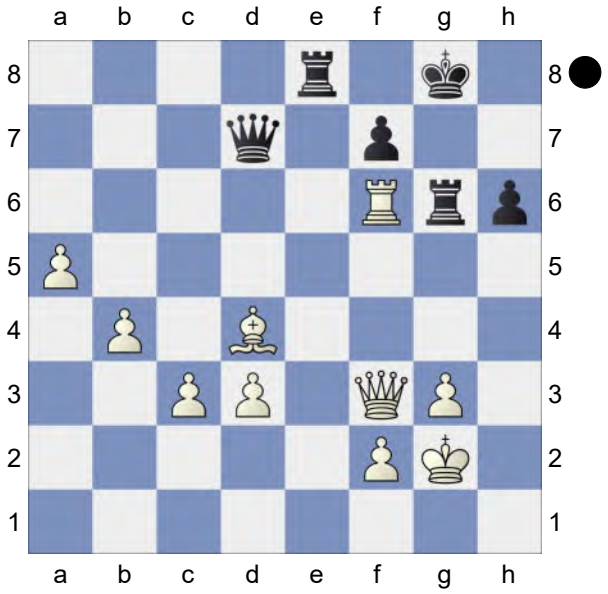


41.Rh1 Rg6 42.Rh5 h6 43.Rd5 Qc6 44.Rf5 Qd7 45.Rf6



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106 **C89**
□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2750**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
Moscow Region Rapid Cup (6) 30.11.24
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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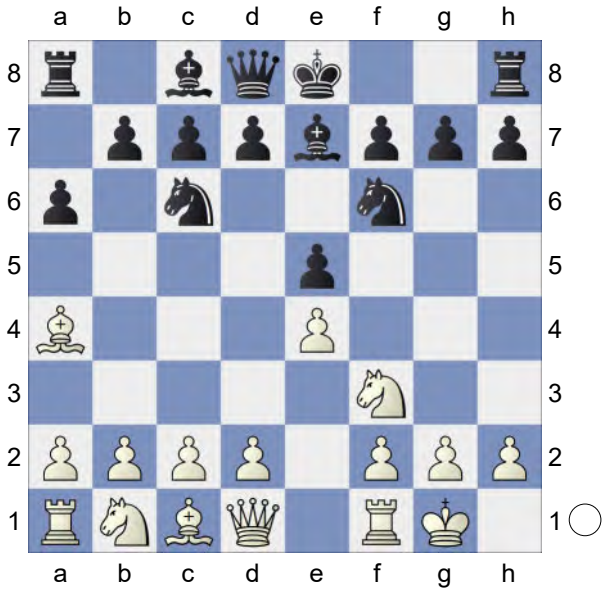
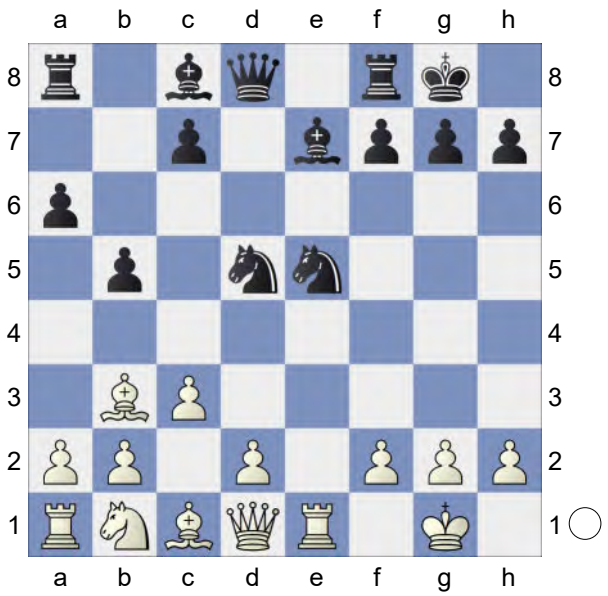
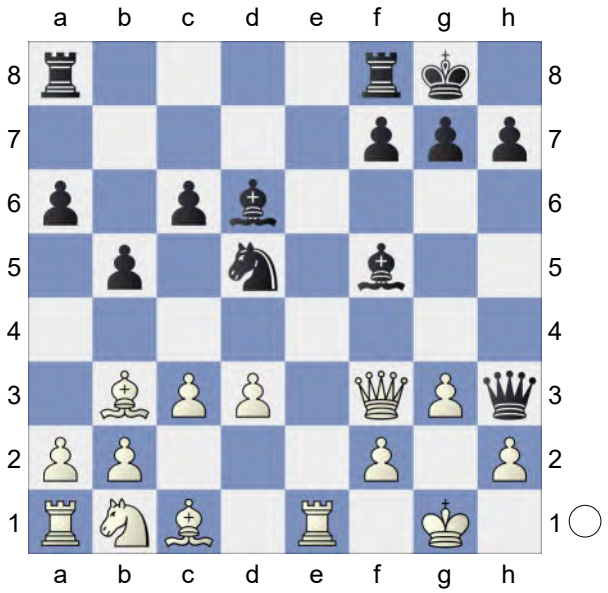


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

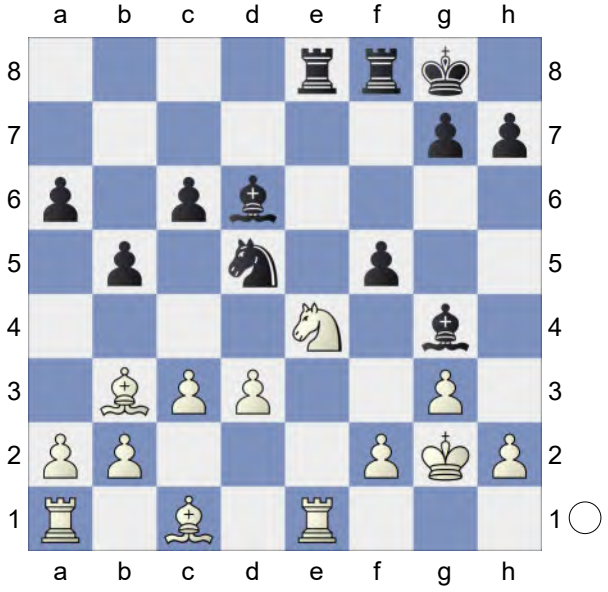


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5!

13...Bf5 is better than 13...Qh4. 13...Lf5 ist besser als 13...Dh4. **14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3**
[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Nd2 Rae8 White has an edge.
17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5



20.Bf4! Bxf4

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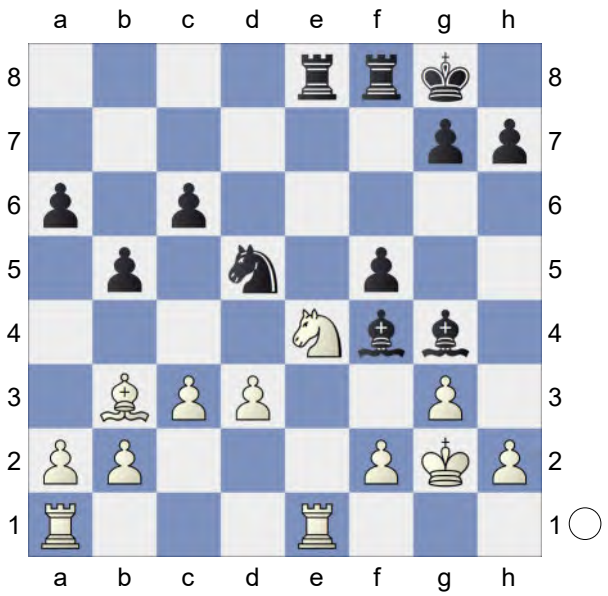
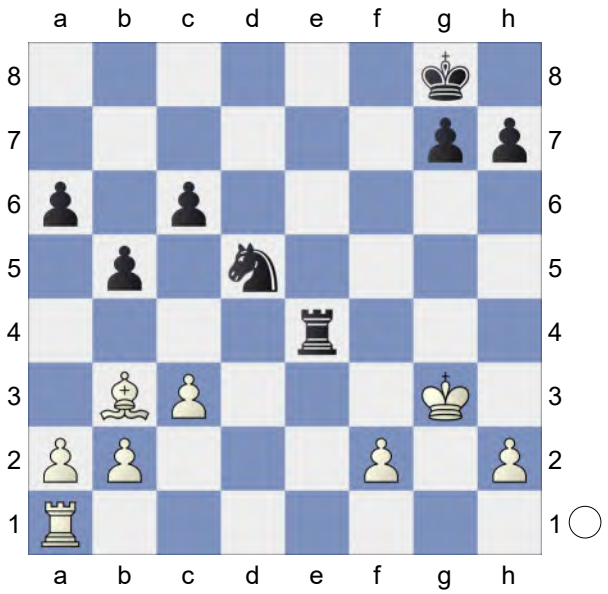


21.gxf4 Black must now prevent Nc5. **21...fxe4 22.dxe4** Pin **22...Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4=**



Endgame KRB-KRN **26.a4** The position is equal. **26...Re2! 27.Bxd5+ cxd5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rd1 Rxb2 30.Rxd5 Rb3**

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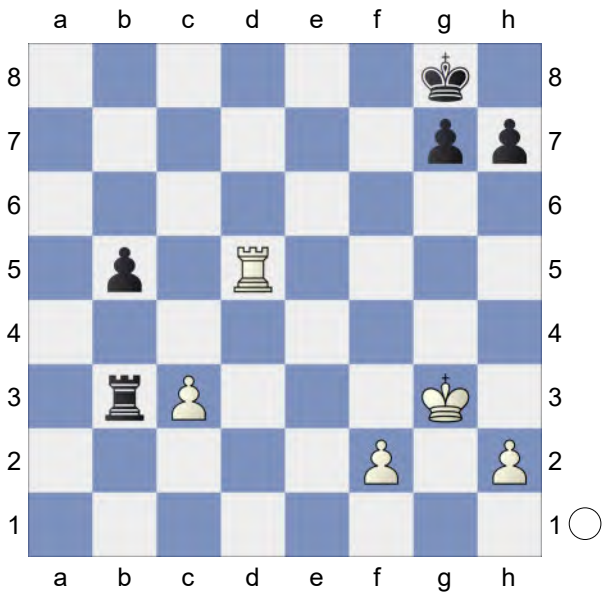
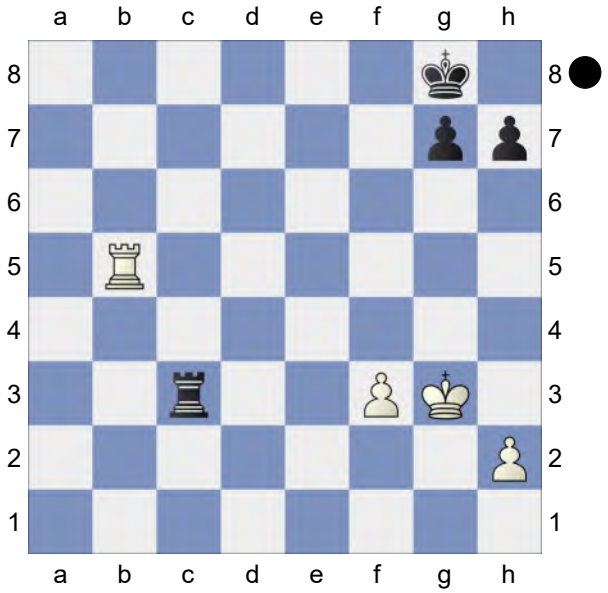


31.f3N

[31.Kg4 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8 36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4.210) Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Rf6 41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Rf5 43.Ra6+ Rf6 44.Ra5 Rf5 45.Ra6+ Rf6 46.Ra5 ½-½ (46) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022]

31...Rxc3 32.Rxb5



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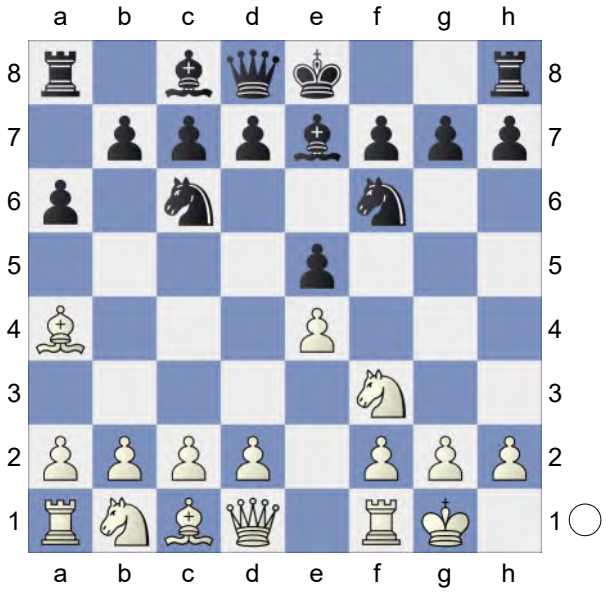
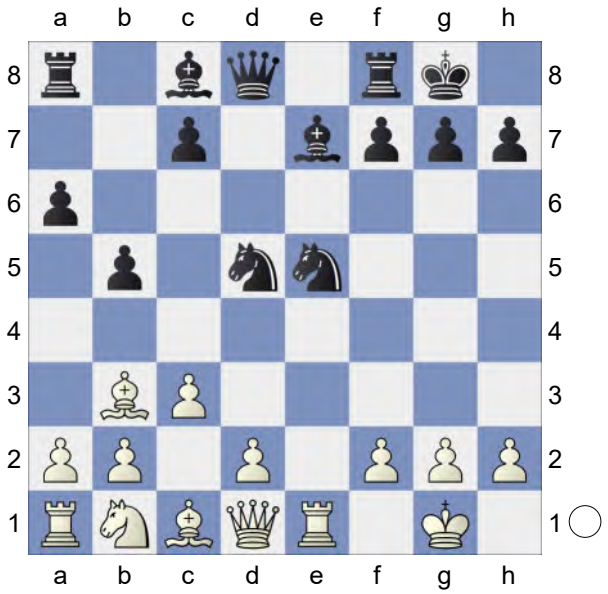
½-½

107 **C89**
□ **Lee,Jr Hyeok** **2378**
■ **Svane,Frederik** **2618**
FIDE World Cup (1.1) 30.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



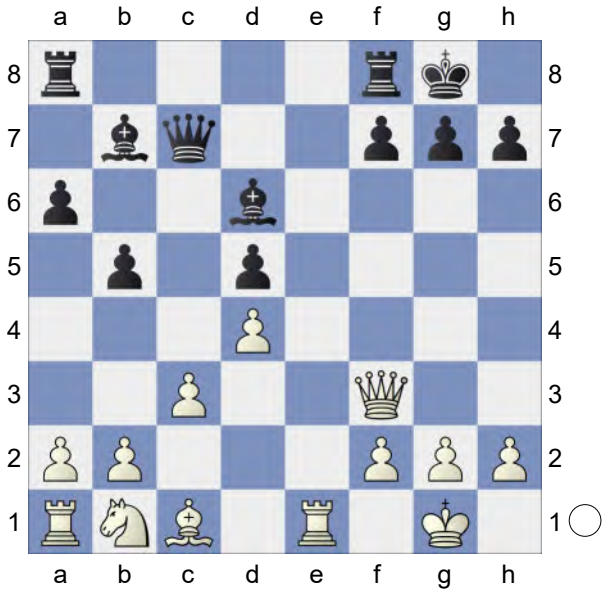
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6

14.Re1! outshines the older 14.Re2. erfolgreicher als das alte 14.Te2. outshines the older 14.Re2.erfolgreicher als das alte 14.Te2. **14...cxd5 15.d4 Qc7**

[15...Re8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.g3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.a3 Bf8 21.Nd2 a5 22.Nb3 a4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Rac8 25.Rac1 Ba6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qf4 h6 29.Qb8 Qf5 30.b3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3.16)]

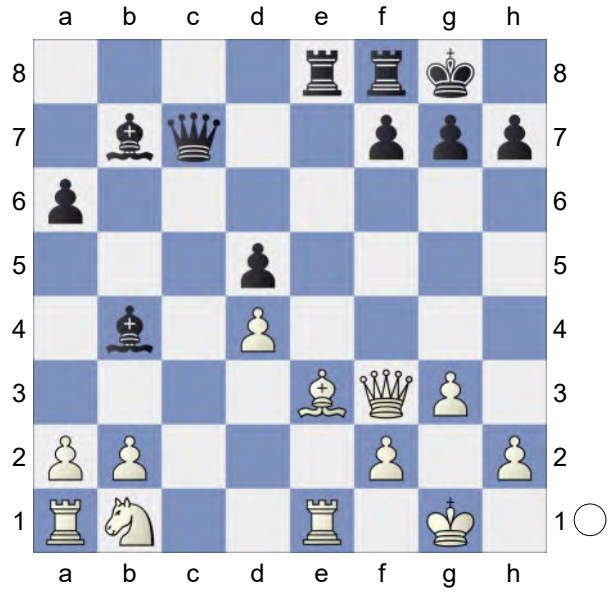


16.g3 White is slightly better. **16...Rae8 17.Be3 b4N**

[Vorgänger: 17...Re6 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Re2 0.11/17 *(19.Nf1± 0.54/16)* 19...a5 20.Rae1 b4 0.76/21 *(20...h6=* 0.01/19 remains equal.*)* 21.Bf4± And now Re2xe6 would win. bxc3 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.bxc3 Strongly threatening Bf4xd6. Bxf4 24.gxf4 1-0 Karthikeyan,M (2627)-Dubov,D (2708) Armageddon Asia&Oceania Lose blitz 2023 (1.1) 1-0 Karthikeyan,M (2627)-Dubov,D

(2708) Armageddon Asia&Oceania Lose blitz 2023 (1.1) Bc8 25.Nb3 Rf8 26.Re5 Rf6 27.h3 h6 28.f5 exf5 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.Nc5 Rg6+ 31.Kf1 Qb6 32.Qb3 Qc6 33.Re3 f4 34.Re4 Bxh3+ 35.Ke2 Bf5 36.Re5 Bg4+ 37.Kd2 Qf3 38.Nd3 Qh1 39.Re1 1-0 9.f3 c6 10. ♘b3_69217 (2627)-Ferragut,A (2708) 126 Linz 2015 (1.1)]

18.cxb4 Bxb4



19.Nc3 0.13/20 **Bxc3= 20.Rec1**

[20.Rac1!?]

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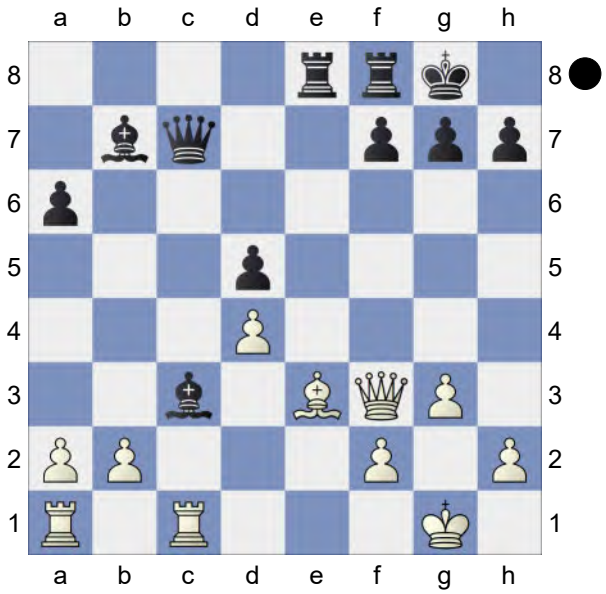
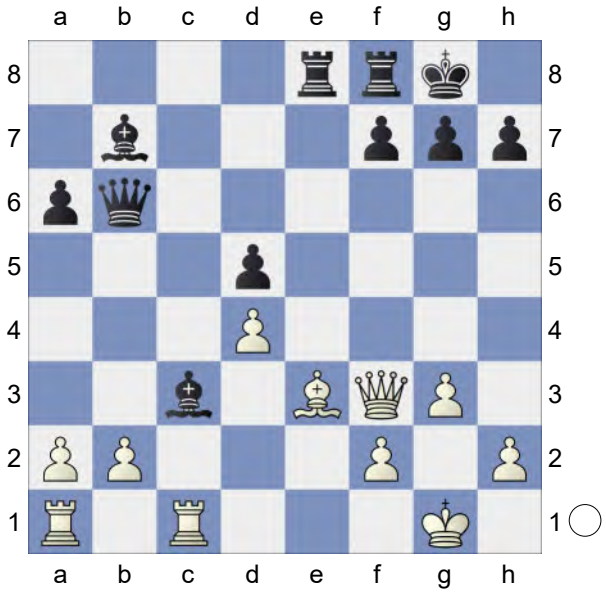


Pin **20...Qb6!**



Double Attack **21.bxc3**

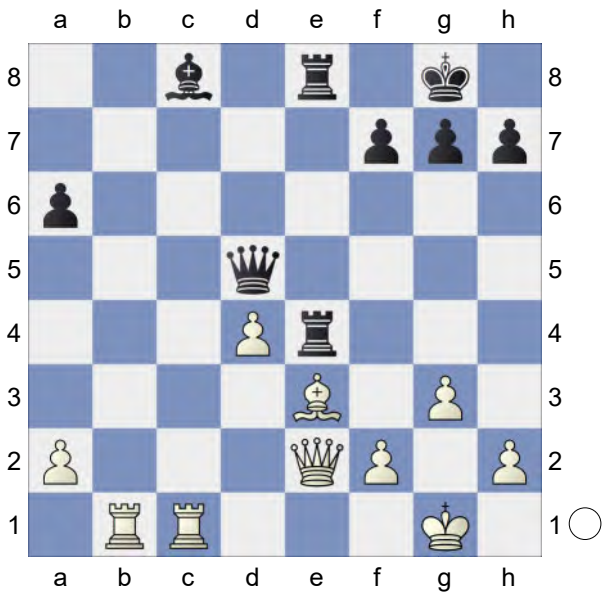
[21.Rxc3 Qxb2]

21...Re4 22.Rab1 Qc6 23.Qe2 Rfe8 24.c4 Bc8 0.51/20

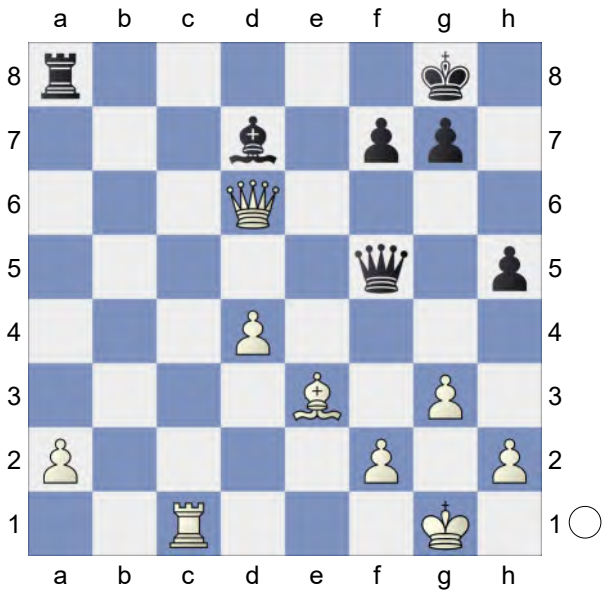
[24...Rxe3!= 0.01/22 25.fxe3 dxc4 26.Rxb7 *(26.e4 Rxe4 27.Qf3 g6∓)* 26...Qxb7]

25.cxd5 Qxd5

(Diagram)



26.Qc4 Qf5 27.Rb8 Bd7 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qxa6 h5 ...Qf5-f3 is the strong threat. **30.Qd6 Ra8**



The position is equal. **31.Rc5 Qb1+ 32.Rc1 Qf5 33.Rc5 Qb1+ 34.Rc1 Qf5**

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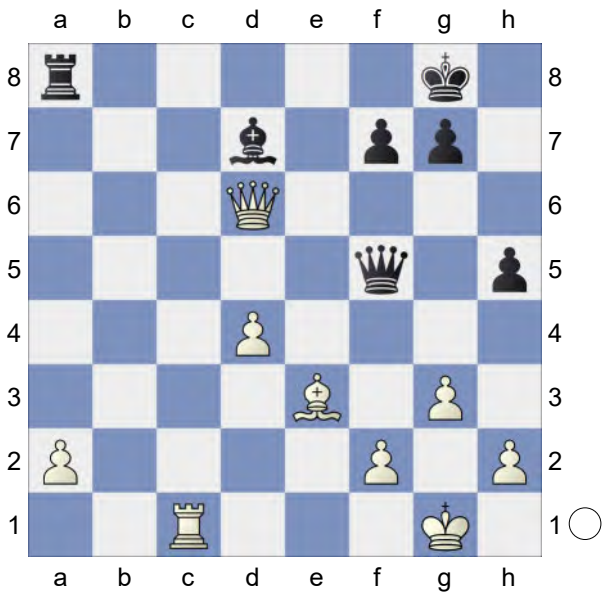

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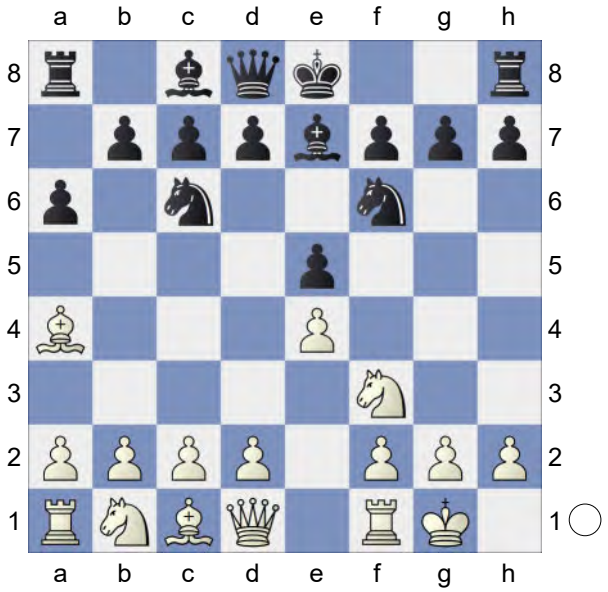
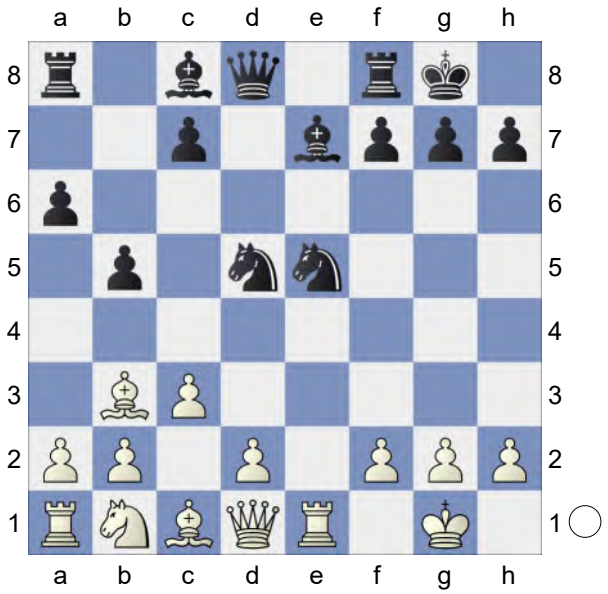
½-½

108 **C89**
□ **Yan,Tianqi** **2277**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2532**
FIDE World Cup (Women) (2.2) 03.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8

14.Bd2N was the old line (14.Na3). war die alte Variante (14.Sa3).was the old line (14.Na3).war die alte Variante (14.Sa3).

[14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.Bc2 c5 16.dxc5 Rd8 17.Qf1 Qe5 18.Na3 Be7 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Re1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bxc5 22.Nb1 Re8 23.Qd1 Re5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.c4 b4 26.b3 Bd6 27.g3 Bc5 28.Bf4 Qe6 0-1 Lehtinen,P-Mackintosh,I Scotland-Finland 2003 (2)]

[14.Nd2 b4 15.c4 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 1-0 De Firmian,N (2565)-Kreiman,B (2425) USA-ch 1994 (12)]

[14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5 Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 9.g4 ♗e6 10.♘e6 fe6-O.Jovanic Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) 2006]

14...Qd7 White is slightly better. **15.Na3 a5N**

[Vorgänger: 15...Rxe1+ 16.Qxe1 Re8 17.Qf1 c5 1.14/21 *(Black should play 17...Nb6± 0.59/19)* 18.dxc5± Qc6 19.Nc2 Qxc5 20.Re1 Rd8 21.Qe2 Bc6 1.48/20 1-0 Zhigalko,A (2537)-Perdomo,L (2373) Wch U20 Istanbul 2005 (6) 1-0 Zhigalko,A (2537)-Perdomo,L (2373) Wch U20 Istanbul 2005 (6) *(⌓21...Qc8 1.06/20)*]

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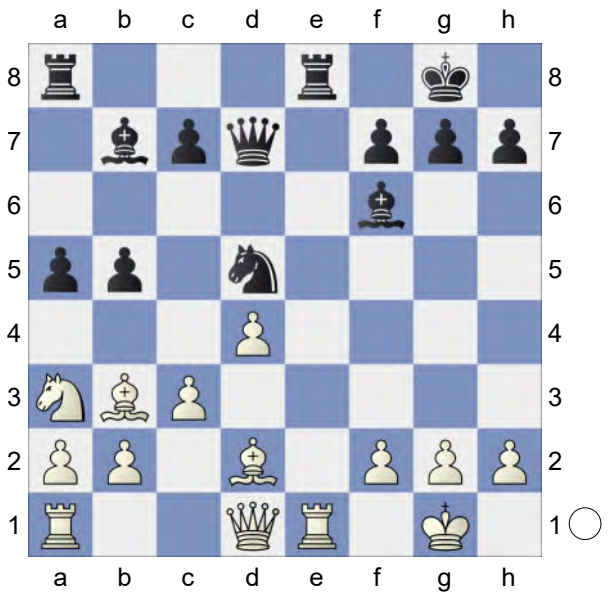
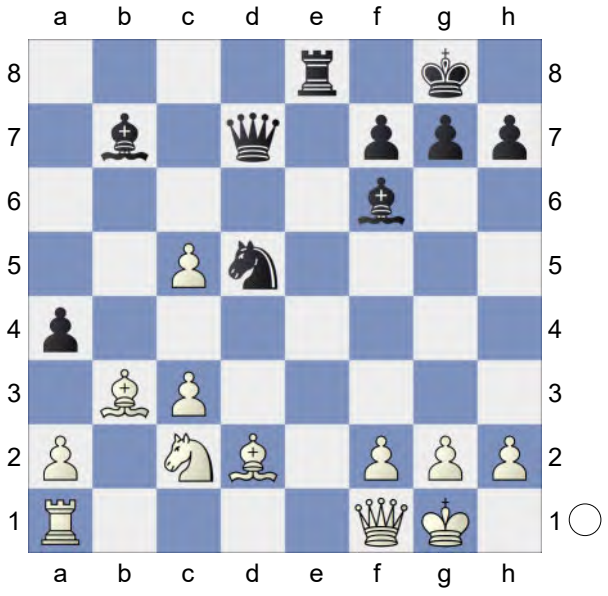
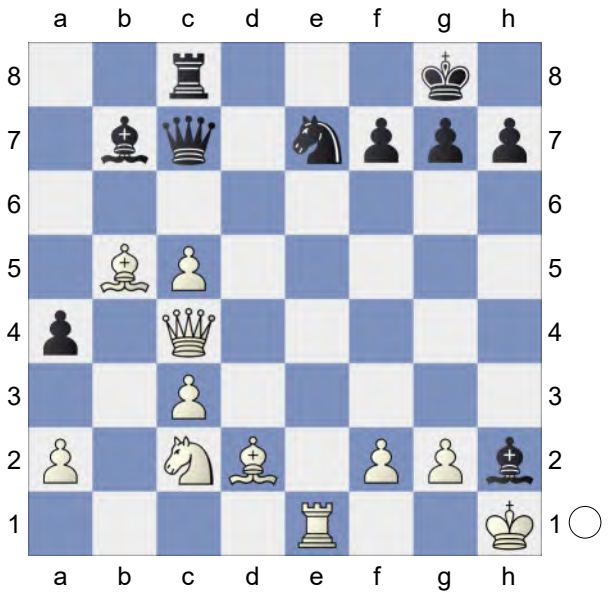


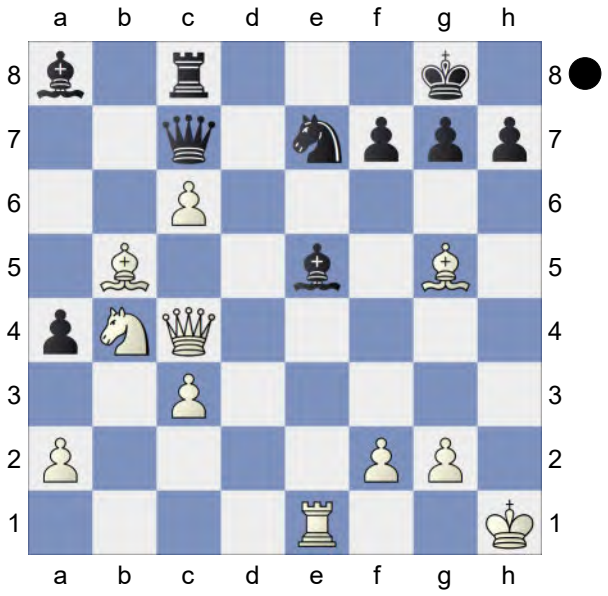
16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Qf1 0.25/22
[17.h3± 0.62/20]
17...b4!= 18.Nc2 c5 19.dxc5 bxc3 0.95/22
[19...a4= 0.28/23 remains equal. 20.Bxd5 Qxd5]
20.bxc3± Black must now prevent Nc2-d4. White leaves nothing to chance now.
20...a4



21.Bc4 Qc7 22.Bb5 Rc8 23.Qc4 Be5? 2.89/21
[23...Qxc5± 0.79/21 24.Qxc5 *(24.Qxa4? Bxc3 25.Rd1 Bxd2-+* Discovered Attack *)* 24...Rxc5]
24.Re1+-
[24.Qxa4 Qxc5 25.Ne3 Nxc3 26.Bxc3 Qxc3∓]
24...Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Ne7

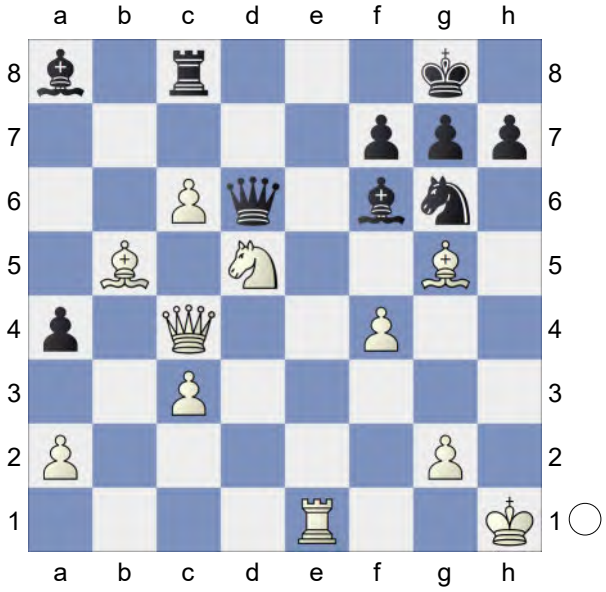


26.Nb4 Active counter play!
[26.Qxa4 Be5 27.Qb4 Ng6=]
[26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Kxh2 Rxc5=]
26...Be5 27.c6 Ba8 28.Bg5
[28.Bxa4 Qd6 *(28...h6+-)* 29.Qe4 Ng6+-]

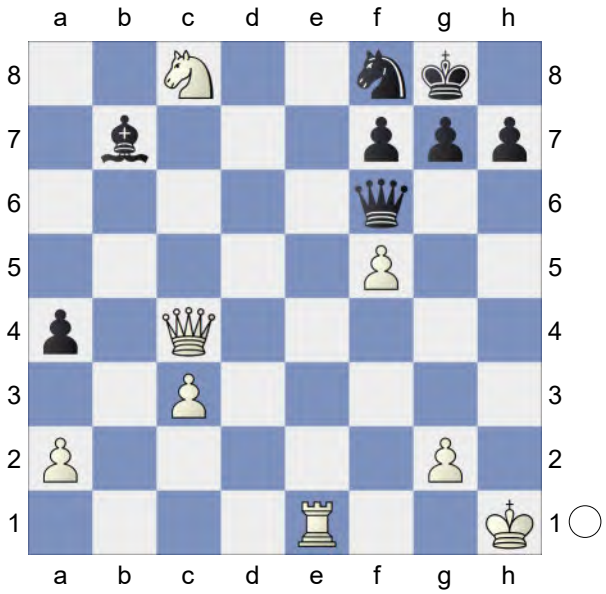


Strongly threatening Bg5xe7! Black is

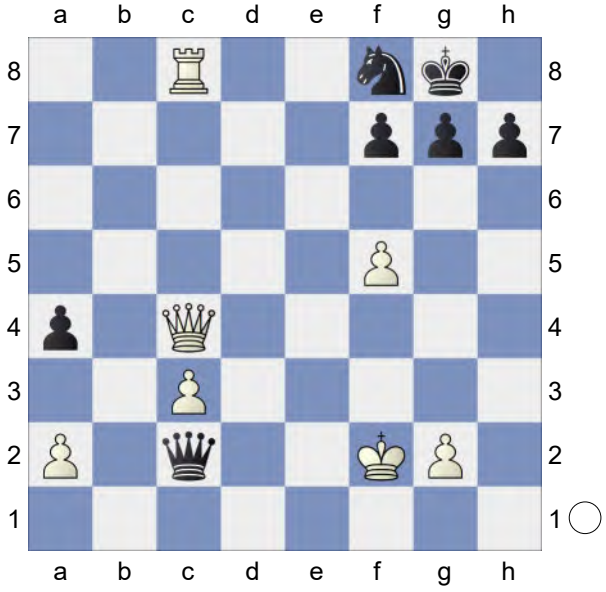
weak on the light squares **28...Ng6**
29.Nd5
[29.Bxa4 Qa7+-]
29...Qd6 30.f4
[30.Bxa4 Bxc6 31.Qa6 Qd7±]
30...Bf6



31.Nb6 Rxc6 32.Bxc6
[32.Nxa8? Rxc4 33.Bxc4 Qc6-+ *(33...Bxc3? 34.Re8+ Nf8 35.Be2-+)*]
32...Bxc6 33.Bxf6
[33.Nxa4 h5 *(33...Qd2 34.Qe2±)* 34.Rf1 Qd7∓]
33...Qxf6 34.f5
[34.Nxa4? Qh4+ *(34...Qxf4? 35.Qxf4 Nxf4 36.Nb6+-; 34...Nxf4? 35.Rb1-+)* 35.Kg1 Qxe1+-+]
34...Nf8 3.28/22
[34...Ne5 1.94/24 was necessary. 35.Qf4 Ng6]
35.Nc8
[35.Nxa4 Qh6+ *(35...Qg5 36.Re4=)* 36.Kg1 Qd2=]
35...Bb7? 4.00/25
[35...Bd5 2.35/24 might work better. 36.Qg4 *(36.Qxd5 Qh4+ 37.Kg1 Qxe1+ 38.Kh2 Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qe8=; 36.Qxa4 Qh6+ 37.Kg1 Qd2=)* 36...Bb7 Decoy]



36.Re8 Intending Nc8-e7+ and mate.
36...Qh6+ 37.Kg1 Bxc8 38.Rxc8 Endgame. Hoping for Qc4-c5! KQR-KQN
[38.Qxc8 g6 39.Qc5 gxf5 40.Qxf5 a3+-]
38...Qe3+ 39.Kf1 aiming for Qc4-d4!
39...Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qc2+!= -0.01/18



41.Ke3
[41.Kg3 Qd1]
41...Qc1+ 42.Kf2?+- -0.01/18
[42.Ke4+- 4.89/23 And now Qc4-c5!

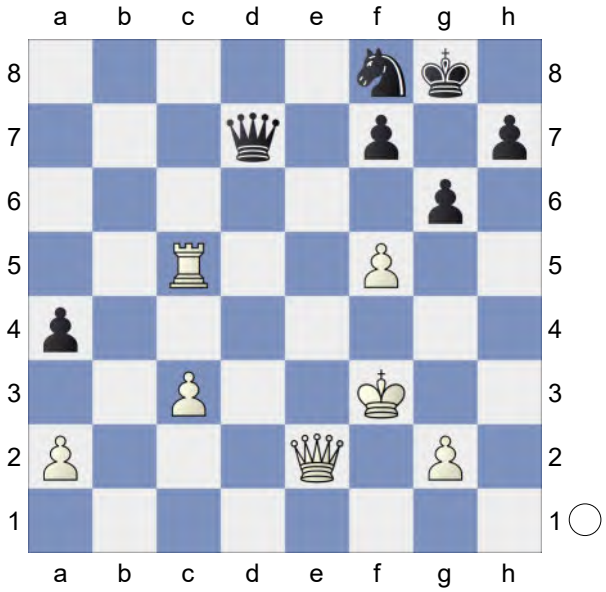
would win. Qd1 43.Qd4 Qe2+ 44.Kf4]

42...Qd2+? 4.73/22 **43.Kf3 Qd1+ 44.Qe2**

[44.Kf4 g6 45.fxg6 Qd2+ 46.Kf3 Qd1+ 47.Qe2 Qd5+ 48.Qe4 Qxe4+ 49.Kxe4 hxg6]

44...Qd7 45.Rc5 c3-c4 is the strong threat. **45...g6** 3.52/21

[⌓45...h5 2.31/23 46.Qc4 Qd1+ 47.Kf2 h4]



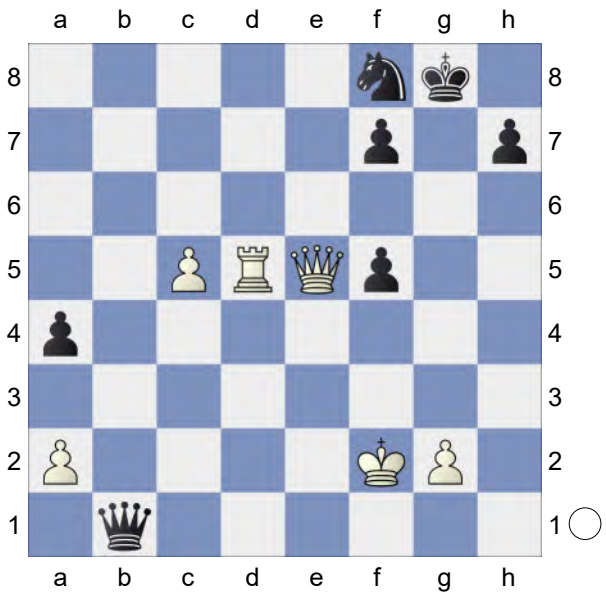
46.c4 gxf5 47.Rd5 Qc6 48.Kf2 Qf6? 5.21/22

[48...f4 3.21/20 was worth a try. 49.Qe4 Qf6]

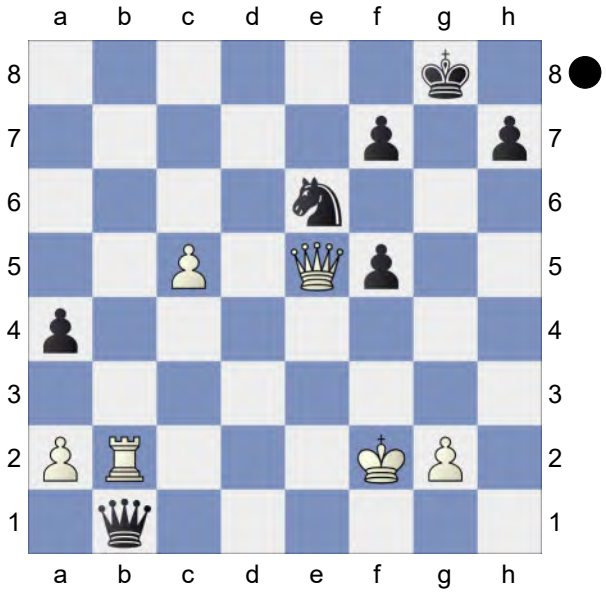
49.Qe5 White is clearly winning.

49...Qb6+ 50.c5 Qb1

(Diagram)



51.Rd2 Ne6 52.Rb2



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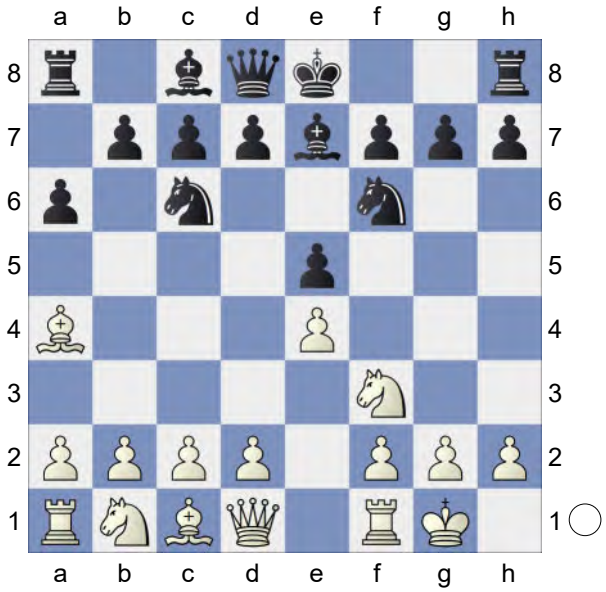
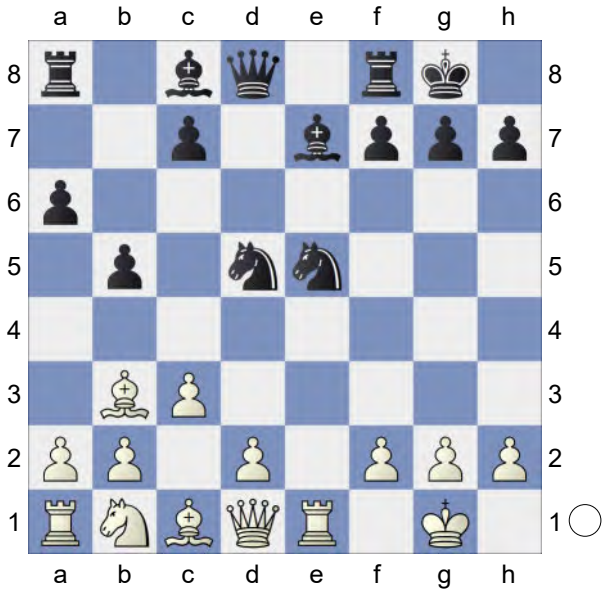
109 **C89**
□ **Kong,Xiangrui** **2457**
■ **Li,Chao B** **2635**
TCh-CHN Div A Finals (3.1) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

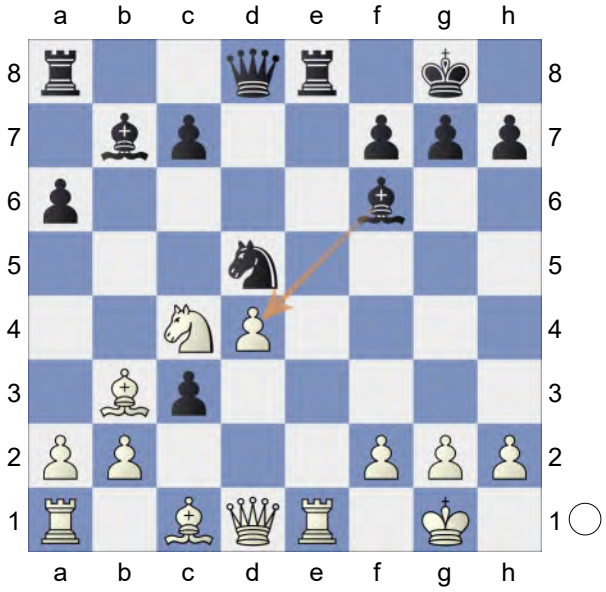
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack RR: 'Inf 70/(333)' Adla,D: '49/402 ' Adla, D: 'Inf 49/402' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Na3 14.Bd2 is vanishing. 14.Ld2 scheint zu verschwinden. **14...b4** White has an edge. **15.Nc4** And now Na5 would win. 15.cxb4 deserves study. 15.cxb4 verdient Beachtung. **15...bxc3**



Threatens to win with ...Bxd4! **16.Ne5N**
[16.Na5
A) 16...Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxb7 Qf6 18.Rf1 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxa1 22.Rxa1 Re5 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.a4 g5 25.h3 Rf5 26.Be4 Re5 27.Bf3 Rf5 28.Rb1 a5 29.Rb3 Rf4 30.Rb5 h6 31.Nxa5 Re8* Servat,R (2455)-Adla,D (2335) Buenos Aires 1990 CI1-130 [Adla, Diego Gustavo] ½-½ (39) *)*
17...Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 Qf6 29.Qc4 Re1 30.Nc5 Qa1 31.Qf4 Hansen,C (2605)-Hector,J (2500) Malmö 1997 CBM 060 [Blatny,Pavel] 1-0 (41);
B) 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qe8

18.Qf1 Bc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.bxc3 c5 22.Be3 cxd4 23.cxd4 a5 24.a4 Rb8 25.Rc1 h6 26.h3 Rb4 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Qd3+ g6 29.Rc5 Qd6 30.Rxa5 Bxd4 Schloegel,M-Mackintosh,I ICCF Postal 2003 ½-½ (34)]

16...Qd6 17.f4 -0.01/18

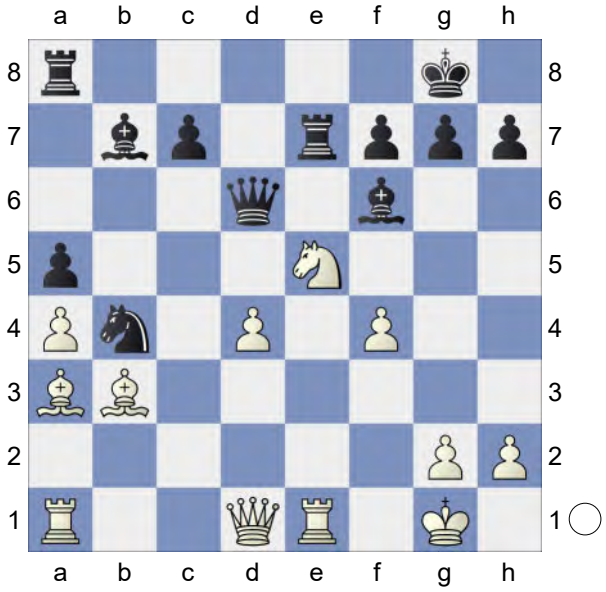
[17.Qh5 g6 18.Qe2 Bg7]

[17.bxc3± 0.38/20 is more appropriate. Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd2]

17...cxb2= 18.Bxb2 a5 19.a4N

[19.Rb1 a4 20.Bc4 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Qc6 22.Bf1 Ba6 23.Qf3 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Qe6 25.Ba3 1-0 Panitevsky,I-Larsson,M (2290) BL-LSS email 2013]

19...Re7 20.Ba3 Nb4



21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Rc5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qg6

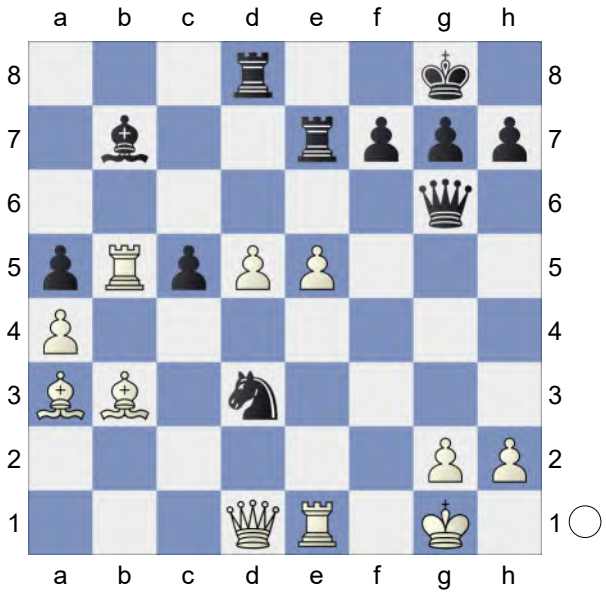
[23...Qxc5 24.dxc5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1±]

24.d5 Bxb4 is the strong threat. **24...Nd3**

25.Rb5! c5? 2.08/22

[25...Nxe1∓ -0.88/21 26.Qxe1 Re6]

(Diagram)



26.Re3+-

[26.Bxc5 Nxc5 27.Bc2 *(27.Rxc5? Qb6-+)* 27...Qh6 28.Rxc5 Qb6 29.Bxh7+ *(29.Qd4? Rc7-+)* 29...Kxh7 30.Qc2+ Qg6-+]

26...Nf4 27.Qf3

[27.Rg3 Qe4 28.Bxc5 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Red7∓]

27...Qb1+

[27...Nxd5? 28.Bxd5 *(28.Rd3 Bc6±)* 28...Bxd5 29.Qxd5!!+-]

28.Bd1?J -0.01/25 White is not keeping still

[28.Kf2+- 2.33/23 g5 29.Bxc5]

28...Qf5 0.35/23

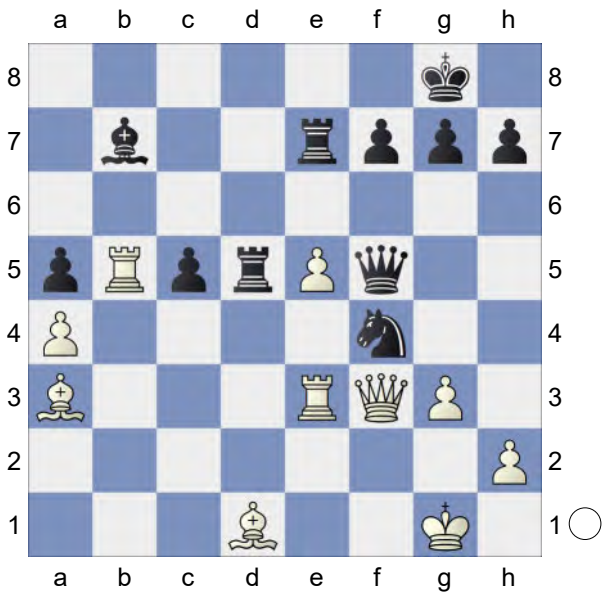
[28...Qa1= -0.01/25 29.Bb2 *(29.Qxf4 Qxd1+ 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ba6-+; 29.Bxc5 Rxd5 30.Re1 g5∓)* 29...Qb1]

29.g3±

[Of course not 29.Rxc5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5∓]

29...Rxd5

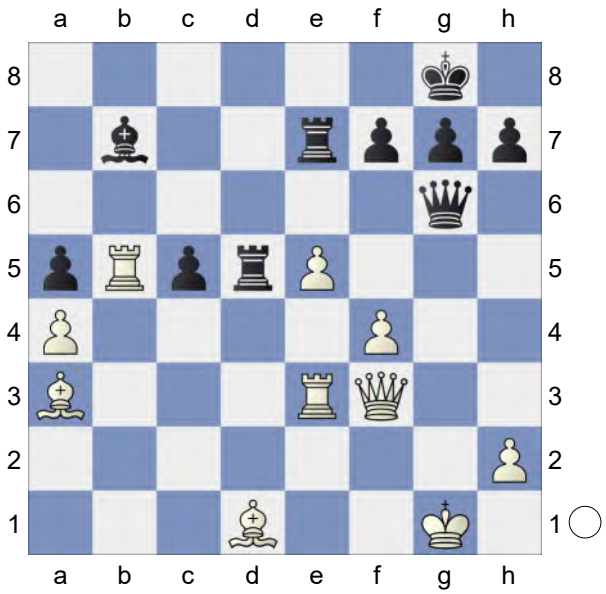
(Diagram)



30.gxf4 -0.01/22

[White should play 30.Rxb7!± 0.59/24 Rxb7 31.gxf4]

30...Qg6+=



31.Kf2

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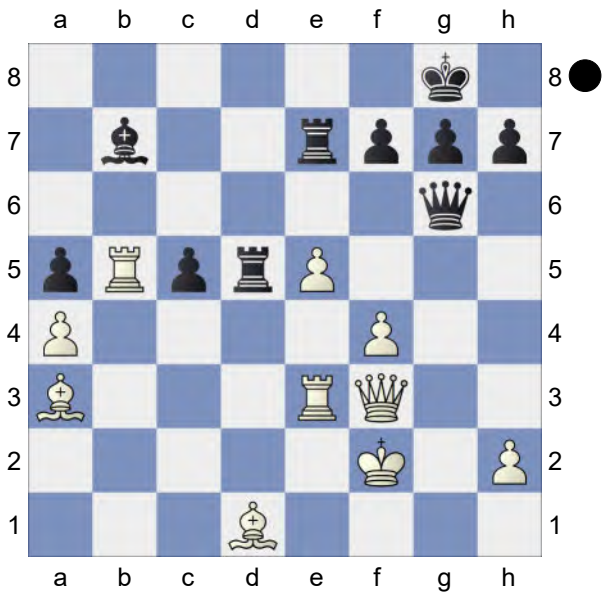
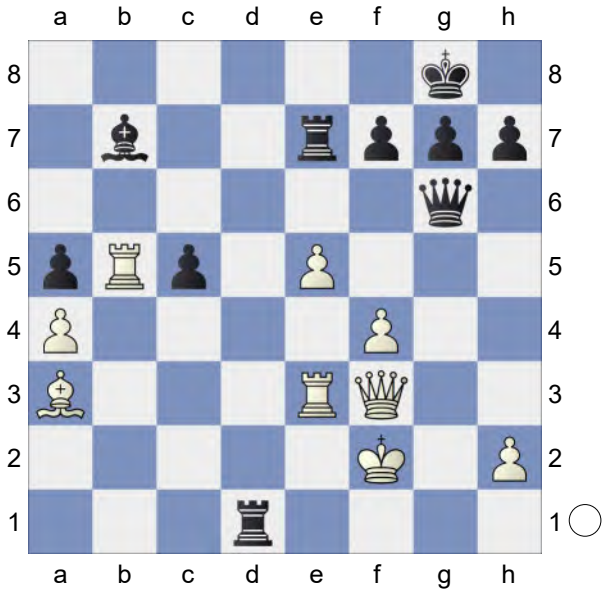


Rxd1!



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110 **C89**
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2485**
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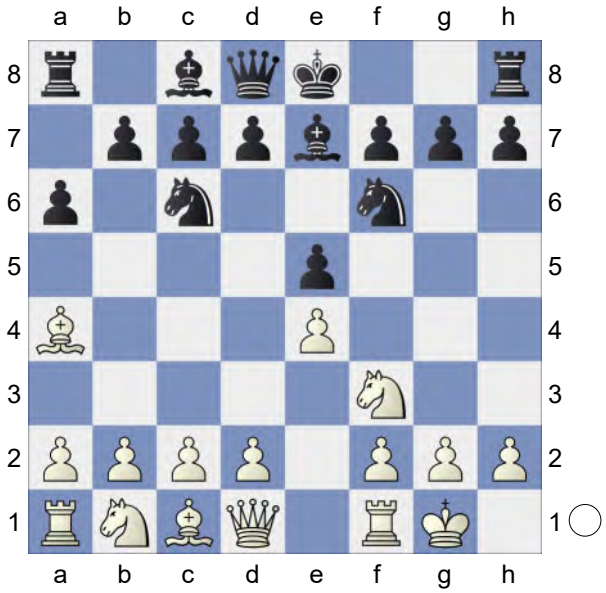
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Welcome to this special bonus chapter ! I'm not planning to do a new video every time a top player does something in the Marshall but the Tata Steel Masters 2020 featured a game I had to tell you about. It was the game between Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Anish Giri. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



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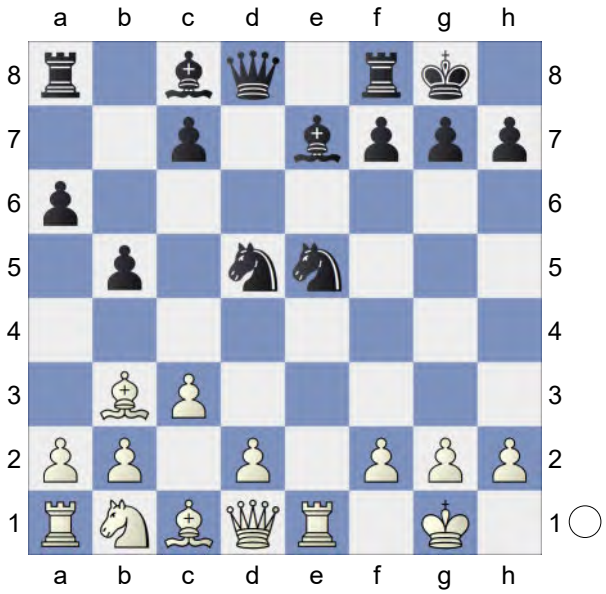
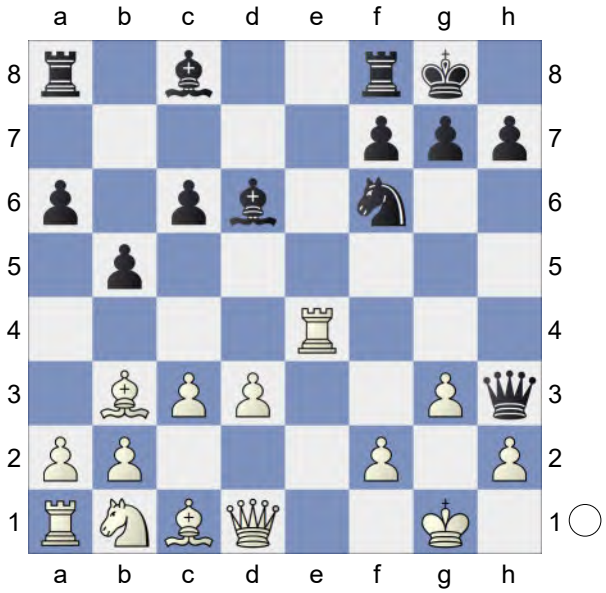
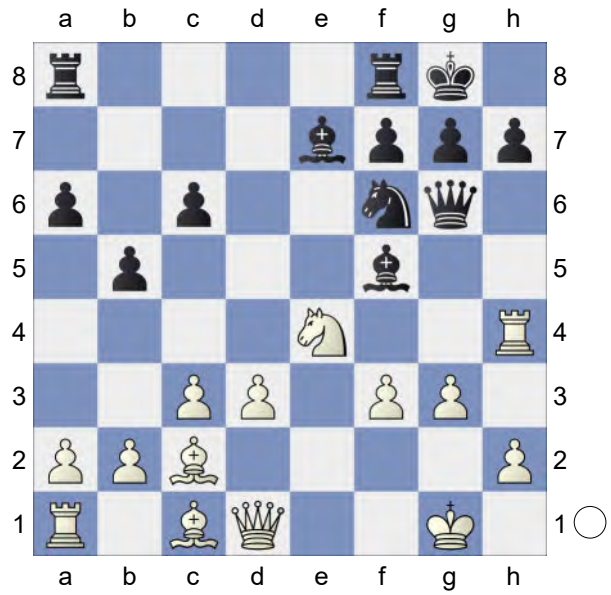


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6!



now scores much better than the old 15... Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 15... Df5. now scores much better than the o l d 1 5 . . . Q f 5 .punktet besser als das ältere 15...Df5. **16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Bc2 Qg6! 18.Nd2** White is slightly better. **18...Bg4 19.f3** -0.22/22
[19.Nf3± 0.32/21]
19...Bf5= 20.Ne4 Be7↑
[20...Rad8 21.d4 Rfe8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Be4 h6 24.b4 Bxb4

25.cxb4 Rxd4 26.Qf1 Rdxe4 27.fxe4 Qxa1 28.exf5 Qc3 29.Kf2 Hasanovic,H (2511)-Coll Sola,J (2638) Vraca (zt) 20/125 1975]



Black fights for an advantage. **21.Bg5 Bxe4N**

[Vorgänger: 21...Nxe4 0.40/22 21...Bf5xe4 -0.33 22.Bxe7 Nxg3! 23.Bxf8 -0.28/25 *(23.Qe1!± 0.68/23 Nh5+ 24.Kf2)* 23...Re8= 24.Rg4 Bxg4 25.hxg3 Bd7! 26.Kg2! Kxf8 27.Qd2 Qe6 Repels Ra1-e1 0-1 Gurel,E (2353)-Ivic,V (2603) SRB-chT 1st League CS 2021 (7.1)0-1 Gurel,E (2353)-Ivic,V (2603) SRB-chT 1st League CS 2021 (7.1)]

22.Bxf6 Bc5+ 23.Bd4N -0.56/20

[23.Kh1!= 0.01/21 Bf5 24.Bxg7 Qxg7 *(24...Kxg7 25.g4=)* 25.Rh5]

[23.Kg2 Bf5 Bonus: Marshall 12. d3-16. Rh4,1]

23...Bxd4+∓ 24.Kg2 -0.76/23

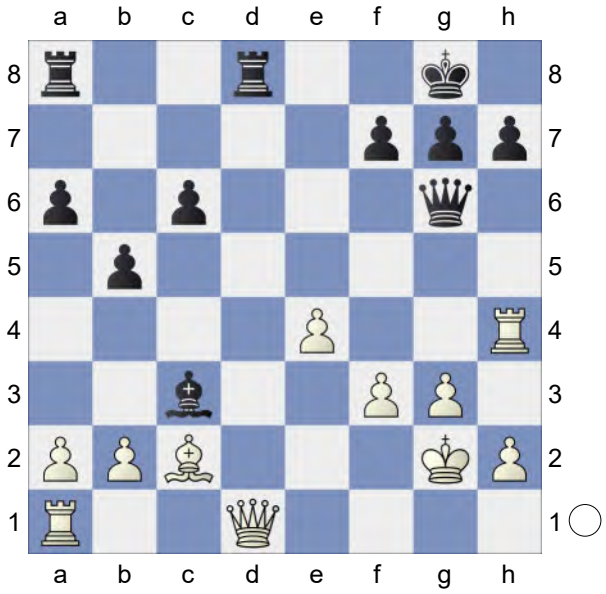
[24.cxd4∓ -0.36/21 was preferrable. Bf5 25.Rf4]

24...Bxc3∓ 25.dxe4? -2.34/21

[25.fxe4∓ -0.76/20 might work better. Be5 *(25...Bxb2? 26.d4∓)* 26.Rb1 *(26.d4 Rfd8∓)*]

25...Rfd8-+

[25...Bxb2? 26.e5+-]



26.Qc1 Bd2 -1.13/21

[26...Rd2+-+ -2.27/24 27.Kh1 Qf6]

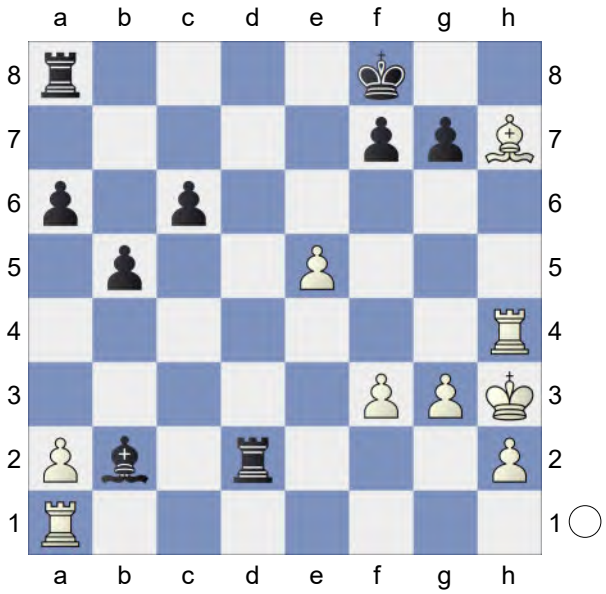
27.e5∓ Bxc1 28.Bxg6 Rd2+

[28...Bxb2 29.Bxh7+ Kf8 30.Re1∓]

29.Kh3 Bxb2

[29...hxg6 30.Rxc1 Rc8 *(30...Rxb2 31.Rxc6 Rxa2 32.Rd4=)* 31.Rb4∓]

30.Bxh7+ Kf8



31.Re1 -0.90/22

[31.Be4∓ -0.49/24 deserves consideration.]

31...Re8 Hoping for ...g7-g6! **32.f4** -2.34/24

[32.Rhe4∓ -0.97/22]

32...g6-+ Strongly threatening ...Kf8-g7.

33.f5 g5

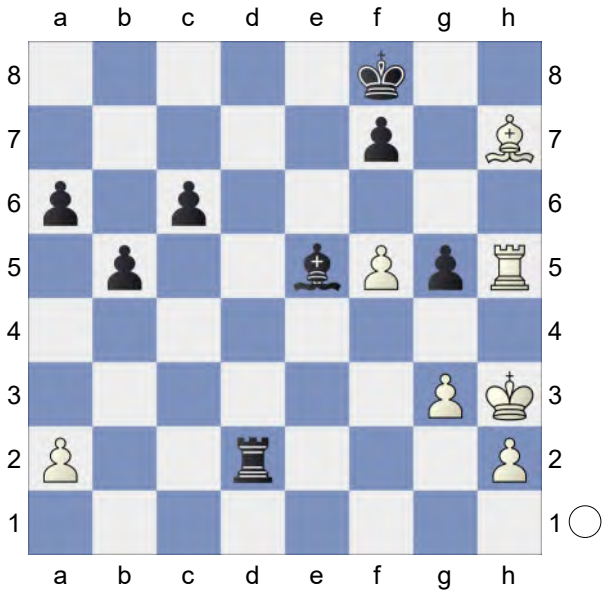
[33...Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Bxe5 35.fxg6∓]

[33...Bxe5 34.fxg6 Bb2 *(34...Rxa2 35.Rhe4±)* 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.Rh6∓]

34.Rh5

[Not 34.Rhe4? Kg7 35.e6 Kxh7-+]

34...Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Bxe5



36.Rxg5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **36...Bg7** -0.79/22

[36...Rxa2-+ -2.24/23 has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ...f7-f6. 37.f6 Bxf6]

37.f6∓ Bxf6 38.Rc5 Rxa2 39.Rxc6 Kg7 40.Be4 b4

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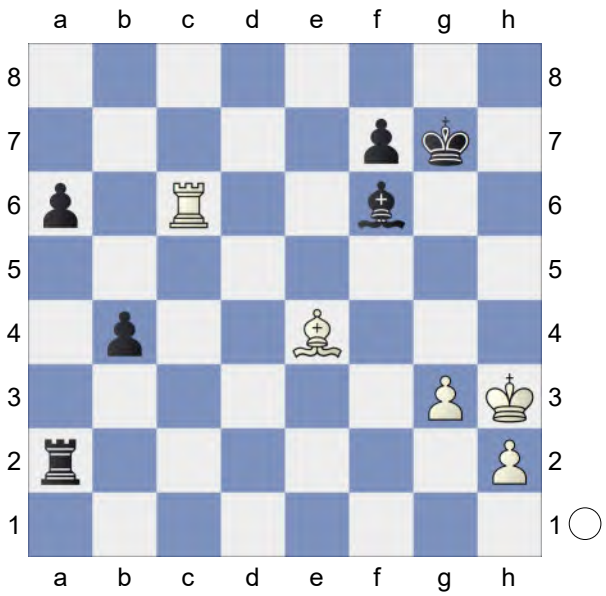
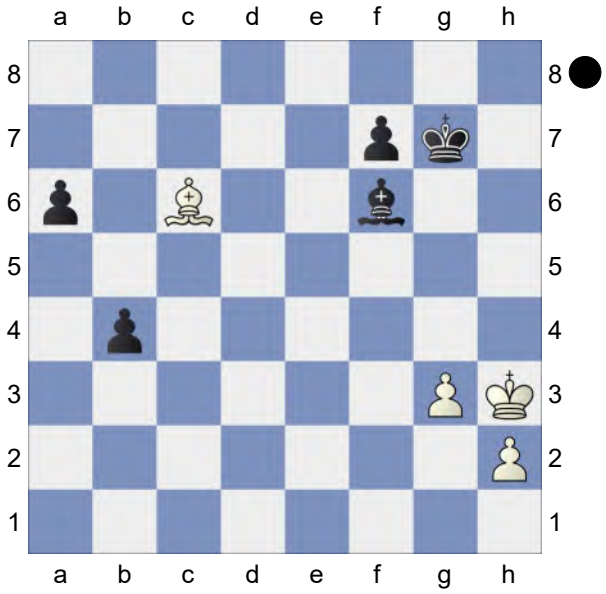


41.Bd5 Rd2 42.Bb3 Rd3! 43.Bc4 Rc3 44.Bd5 Rxc6 Deflection **45.Bxc6**



KB-KB **45...b3** -0.36/26

[45...Bg5!∓ -0.73/24 46.Kg4 Be3]

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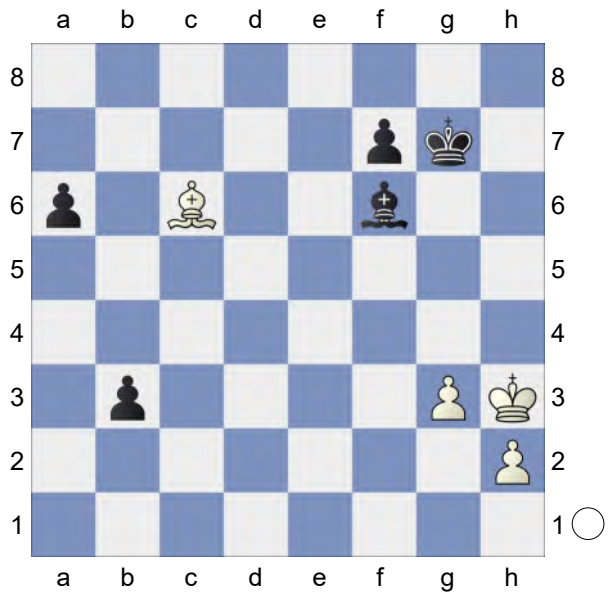
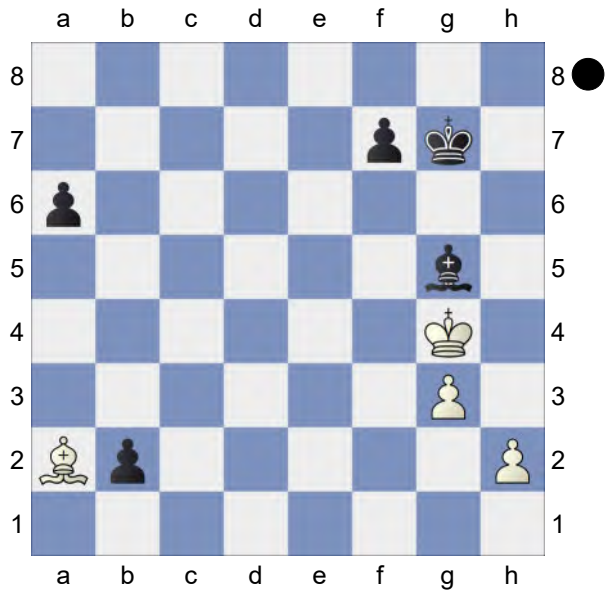


46.Bd5 -4.42/32
[White has to play 46.Kg4!∓ -0.36/26]
46...b2-+ 47.Ba2 Bg5 48.Kg4



Bh6 -0.12/28
[Black should try 48...Kf6!-+ -3.21/26
And now ...a6-a5 would win. 49.Kh5 Be3]
49.Kf5= The position is equal. **49...Be3 50.g4 Bf2**

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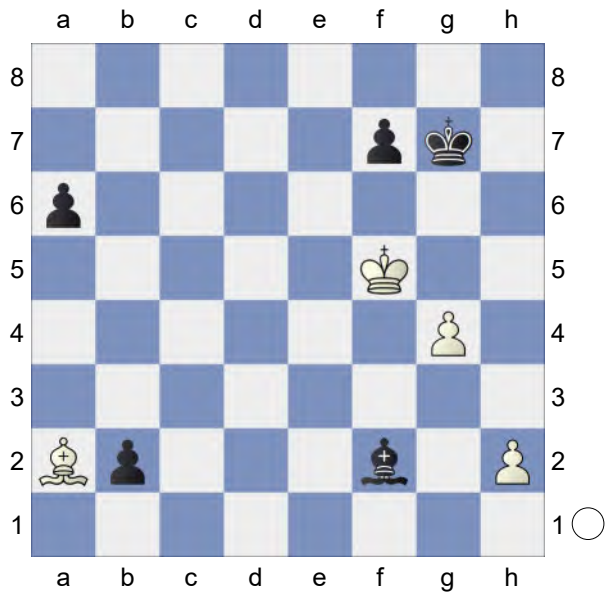
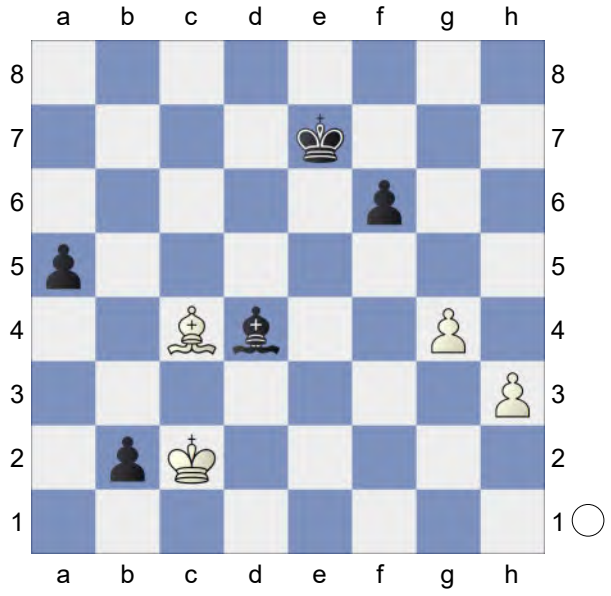


51.h3 Kf8 52.Ke4 Ke7 53.Kd3 f6 54.Kc2 Bd4 55.Bc4 a5



56.Kb1 Kd6 57.h4 Ke5 58.h5 Kf4 59.Be6 Kg5 60.Bf5 a4
[60...Be5!?]

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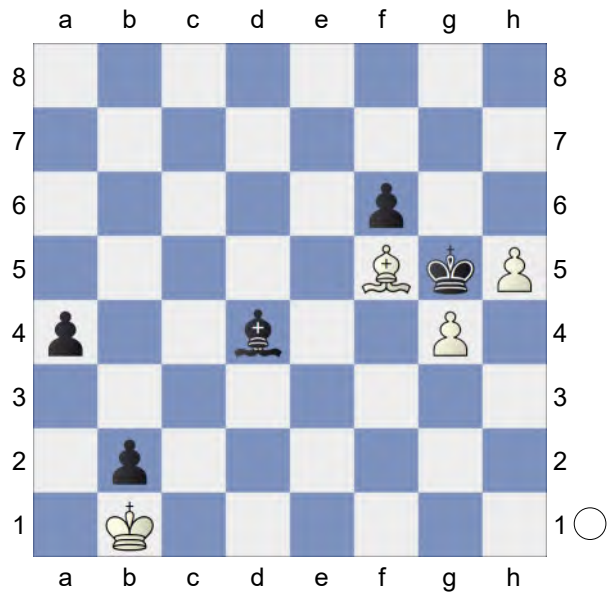
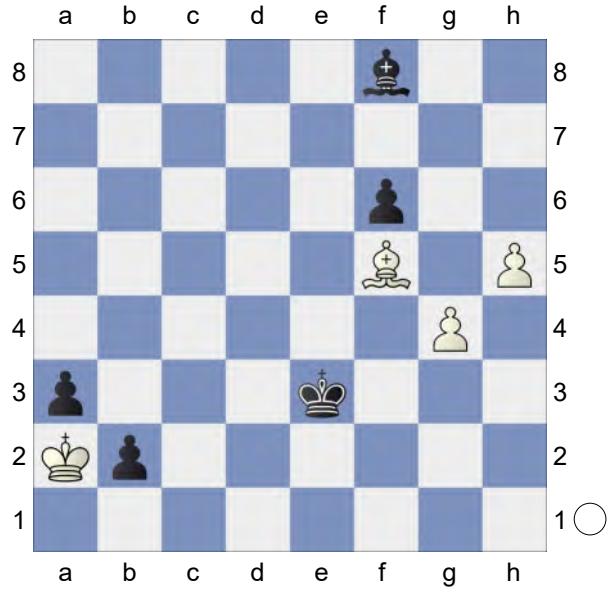


61.Be6

[61.h6 simplifies Kxh6 62.Ka2 Bc5 63.Kxb2 Kg5 64.Bd7]

61...a3 62.Bf5 Bc5 63.Ka2 Bf8 64.Kb1 Kf4 65.Ka2 Ke3



66.Kb1 Kd2 67.Ka2 Kc1 68.Be4 Kd1 69.Bf5 Ke1 70.Be4 Kf2

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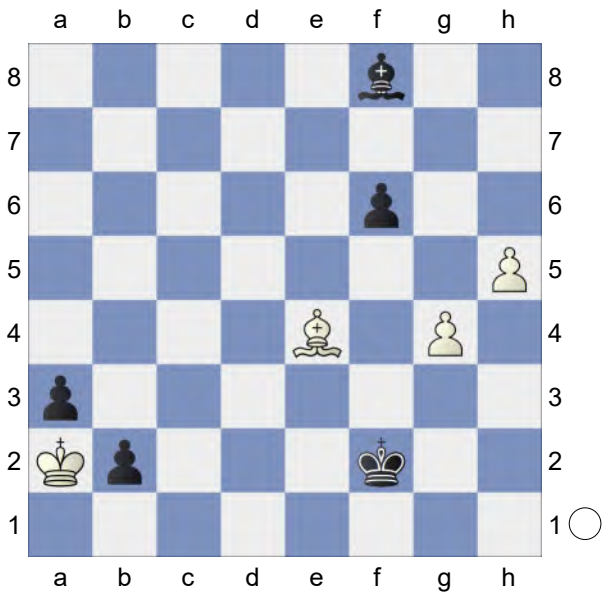

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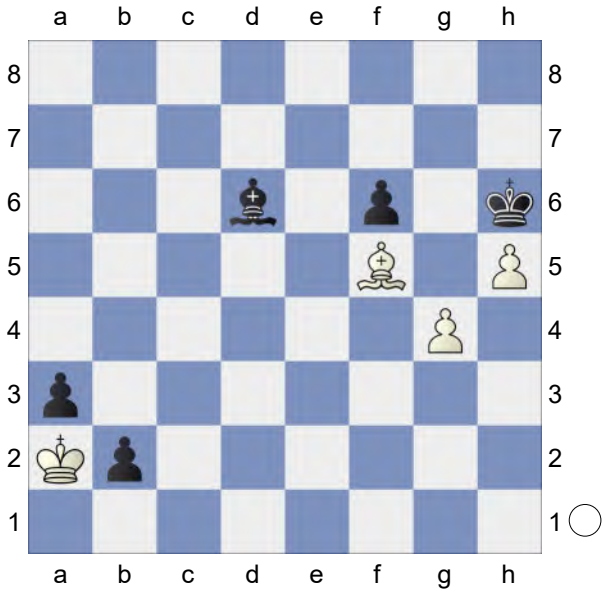

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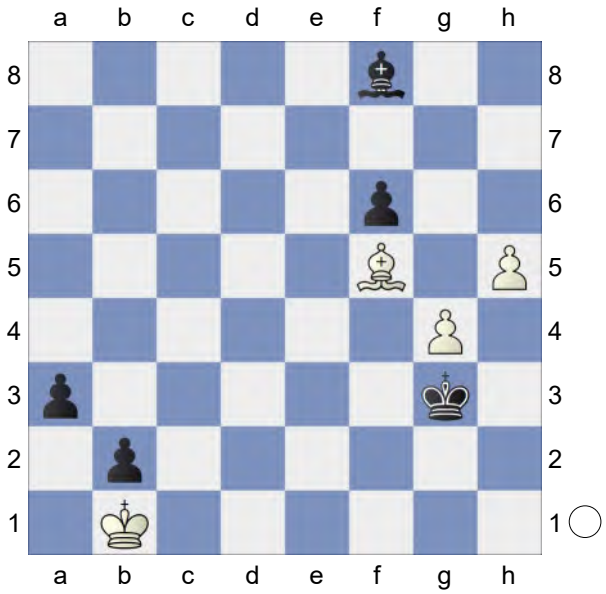
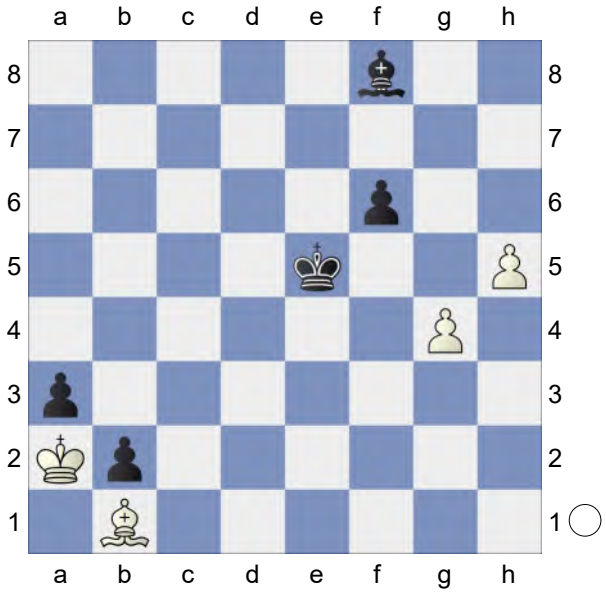


81.Ka2 Kf2 82.Kb1 Ke3 83.Ka2 Kd4 84.Bb1 Ke5



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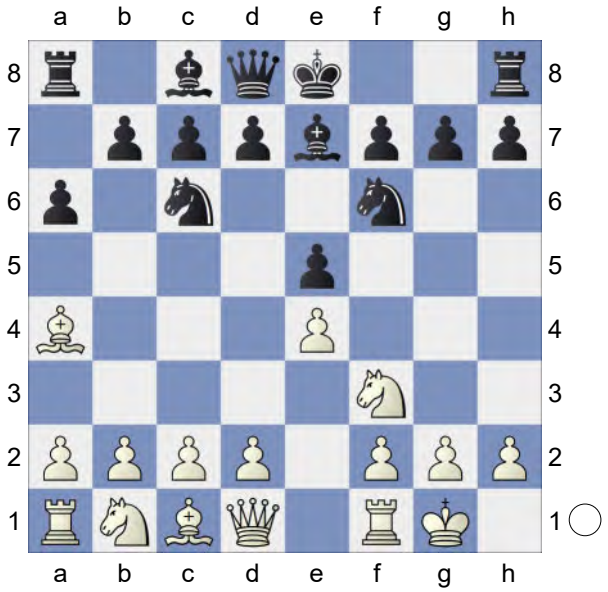

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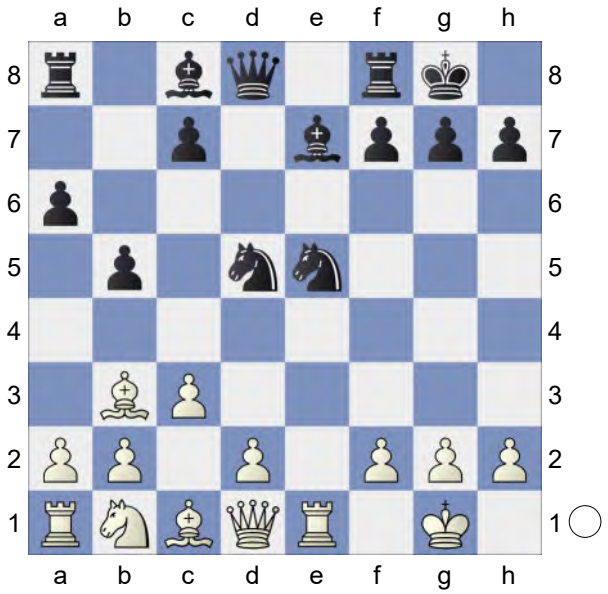

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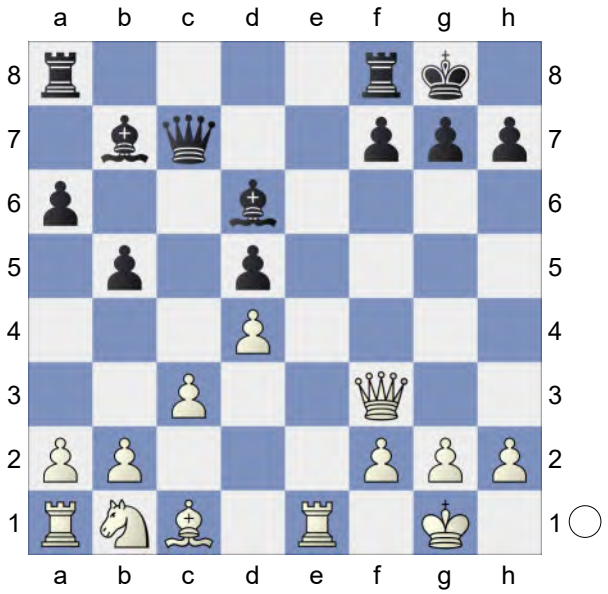
14.Re1 now supersedes 14.Re2. löst 14. Te2 inzwischen ab.now supersedes 14. Re2. löst 14.Te2 inzwischen ab.
14...cxd5 15.d4 Qc7
[15...Re8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.g3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.a3 Bf8 21.Nd2 a5 22.Nb3 a4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Rac8 25.Rac1 Ba6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qf4 h6 29.Qb8 Qf5 30.b3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3.16)]



16.g3 White is slightly better. **16...Rae8 17.Be3 Re6N**
[17...f5 18.Nd2 b4 19.Bf4 bxc3 20.bxc3 Bxf4 21.gxf4 Re4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Qe3 g5 24.fxg5 f4 25.Qh3 Bc8 26.Qh6 Qxc3 27.g6 hxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qh5+ Kg8 30.Qd5+ Kh8 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.Qxe4 1-0 Damljanovic,V (2380)-Lochte,T (2230) Budapest 1994 (4)]
[17...b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Nc3 Bxc3 20.Rec1 Qb6 21.bxc3 Re4 22.Rab1 Qc6 23.Qe2 Rfe8 24.c4 Bc8 25.cxd5 Qxd5 26.Qc4 Qf5 27.Rb8

Bd7 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qxa6 h5 30.Qd6 Ra8 31.Rc5 Qb1+ 32.Rc1 ½-½ Lee,J (2378)-Svane,F (2618) FIDE World Cup 2023 (1.1)]

18.Nd2 **Rfe8N**

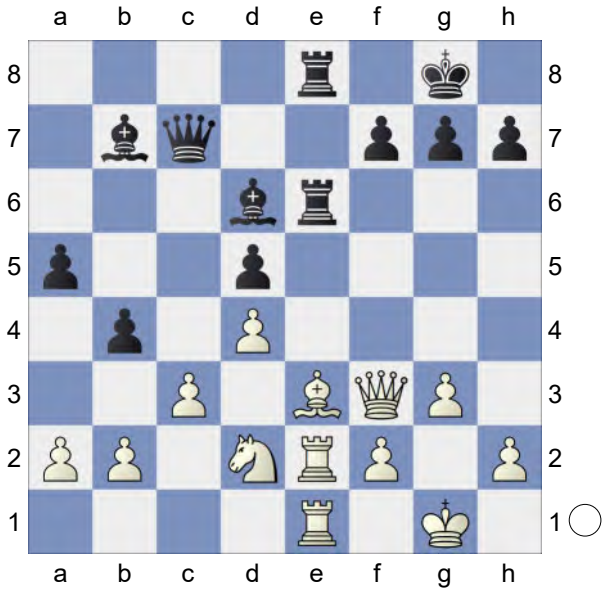
[Vorgänger: 18...Bc6 19.Bf4 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 Qxf4 21.gxf4 Threatens to win with Re1xe6. Rg6+ 22.Kh1 Rf6 23.f3 b4 24.Nb3 Rxf4 25.cxb4 -0.01/21 *(25.Kg2± 0.42/22)* 25...Rxf3 ½-½ (40) Rohde,F (2117)-Firsching,G (2117) GER email 2015]

19.Re2 -0.01/22

[19.Nf1!± 0.55/20]

19...a5 **20.Rae1** White wants to play Be3-f4. **20...b4** 0.82/23

[20...h6!= 0.01/22]



21.Bf4!± bxc3 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.bxc3 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Bc8 25.Nb3 Rf8

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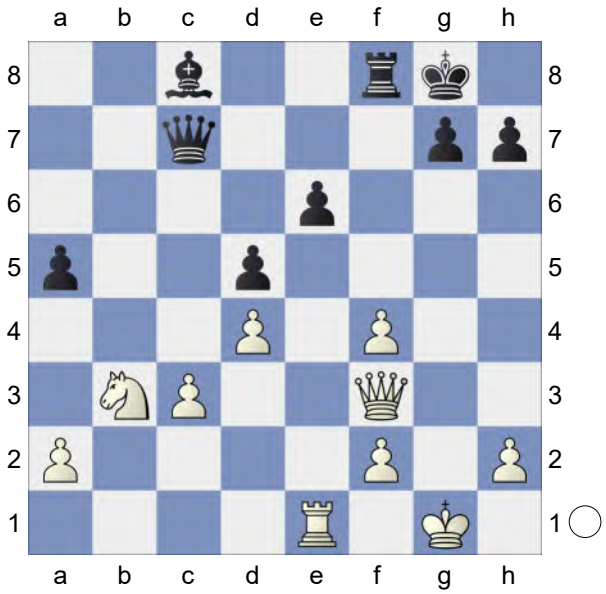
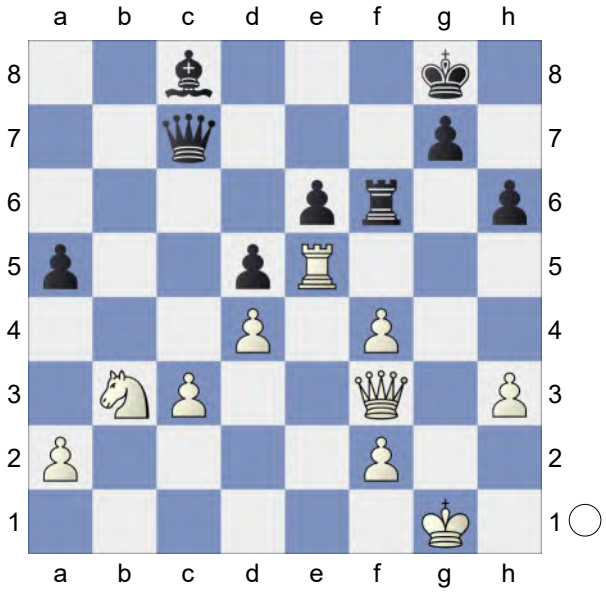


26.Re5 Rf6 27.h3 0.15/22

[27.h4± 0.54/21]

27...h6=



28.f5! Deflection **28...exf5**

[28...Kh7 29.Nc5]

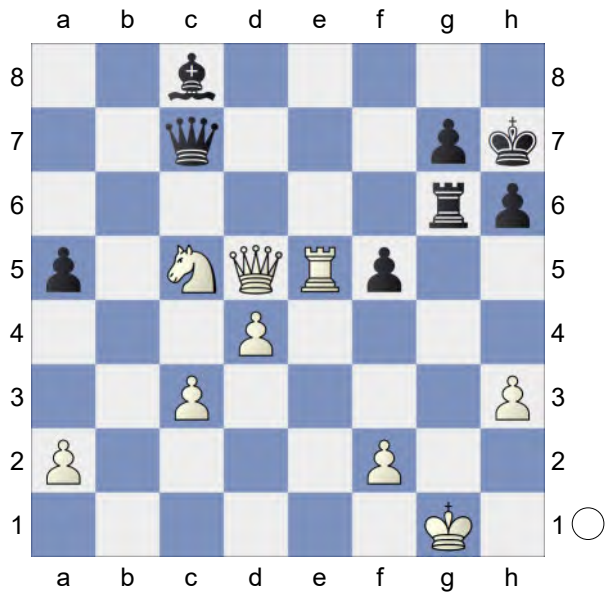
29.Qxd5+

[29.Rxd5? Bb7 30.Nc5 *(30.Rc5? Rg6+ 31.Kf1 Qxc5-+)* 30...Bxd5 31.Qxd5+ Kh8-+]

29...Kh7 **30.Nc5** Against Bc8-b7. Strongly threatening Re5-e8.

[30.Qxa5? Rg6+ 31.Kh2 Qc6-+]

30...Rg6+



31.Kf1 Qb6 32.Qb3 Qb3xb6 is the strong threat. **32...Qc6 33.Re3?** -1.78/23 Active counter play!
[33.Ke2!± 0.39/22 keeps the upper hand.]
33...f4-+ 34.Re4 -1.74/22
[34.Re5∓ -1.22/23]
34...Bxh3+ -0.75/24
[34...Bf5-+ -1.74/22 35.Rxf4 Qh1+ *(35...Bxh3+ 36.Ke2±)* 36.Ke2 a4 *(36...Qxh3 37.Kd2±)*]
35.Ke2 -1.45/22
[⌓35.Ke1 -0.75/24]
35...Bf5 -0.44/23
[Better is 35...Rg1∓ -1.45/22 36.Rxf4 Qe8+ 37.Ne4 Be6]

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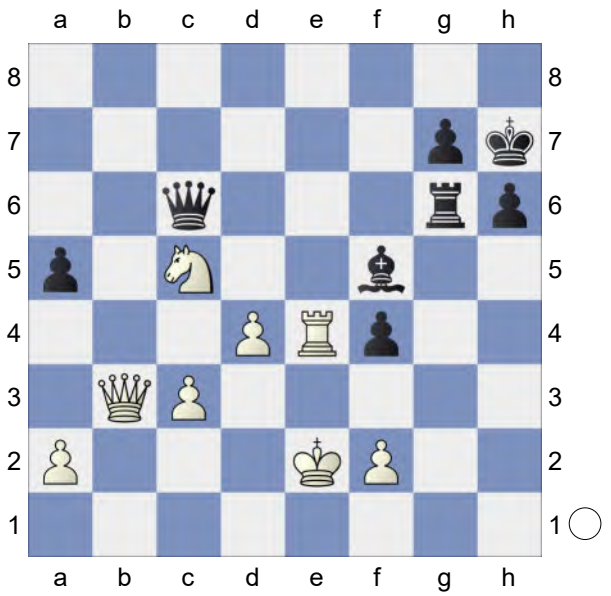
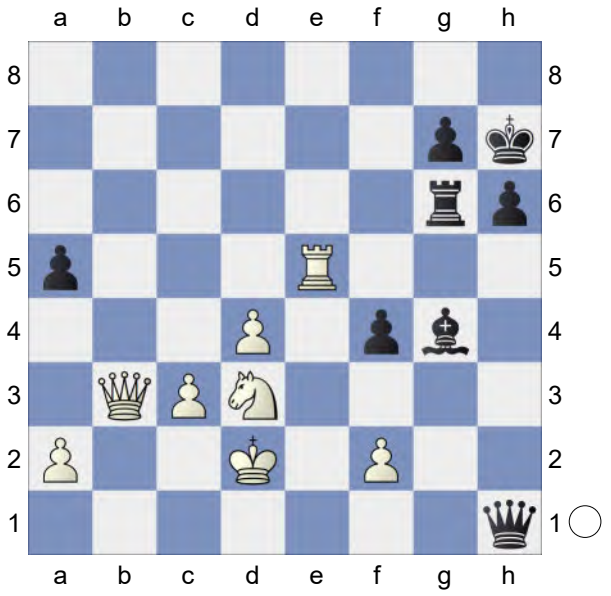


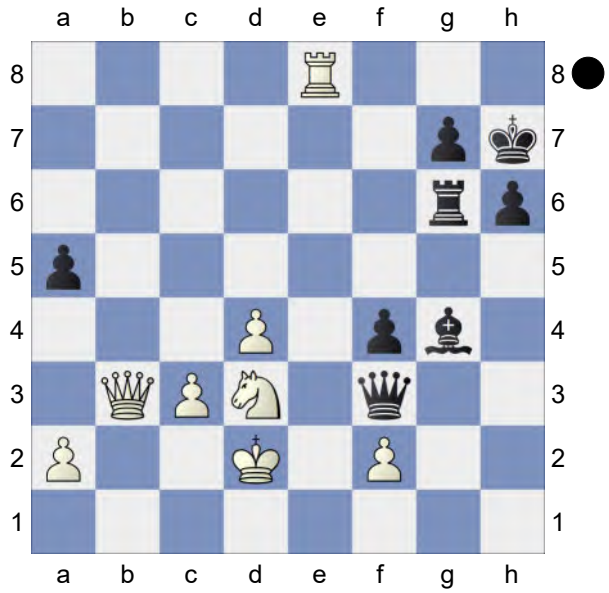
36.Re5? -3.54/22
[White should try 36.Rxf4∓ -0.44/23 Rf6 37.c4]
36...Bg4+ -1.58/24
[36...Qg2-+ -3.54/22 is more deadly. 37.Rxf5 Qg4+ 38.Kd2 Qxf5]
37.Kd2∓ Qf3! 38.Nd3 Qh1?? 4.76/22
[38...h5!-+ -2.28/22 and life is good for Black. And now ...a5-a4! would win. 39.Re1 Bf5]



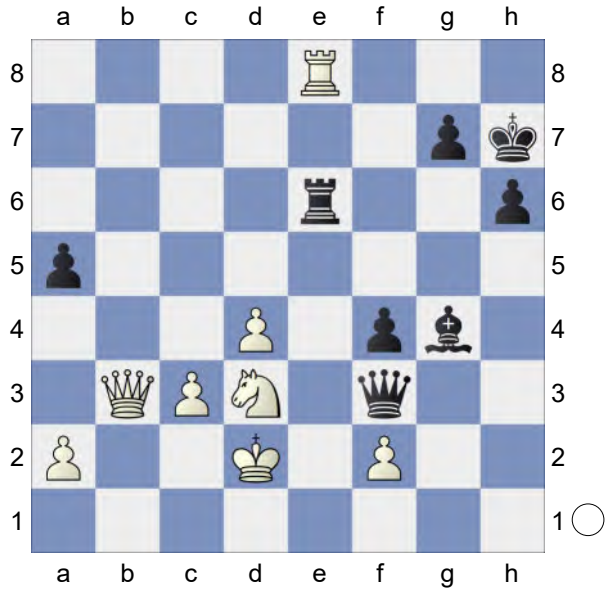
39.Re1? -0.01/21
[Worse is 39.Rxa5 h5∓]

[Not 39.Nxf4 Rb6 *(39...a4? 40.Qc2+- Pin)* 40.Qc2+ *(40.Qxb6 Qd1+ 41.Ke3 Qf3+ 42.Kd2 Qd1+ 43.Ke3 Qf3+ 44.Kd2 Qd1+=)* 40...Kg8±]
[White must play 39.Re8!+- 4.76/22 h5 40.Ne5 *(40.Nxf4 Qg1+-)*]

39...Qf3= 40.Re8



Re6? 6.92/23



41.Rxe6+- Bxe6 42.Qxe6

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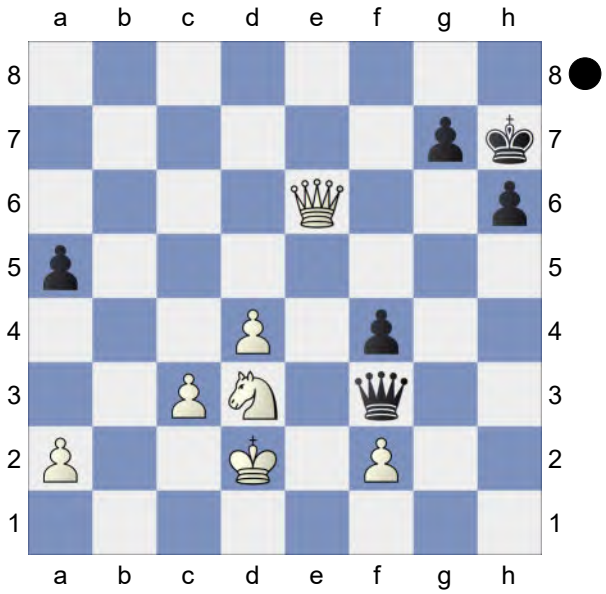

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.66

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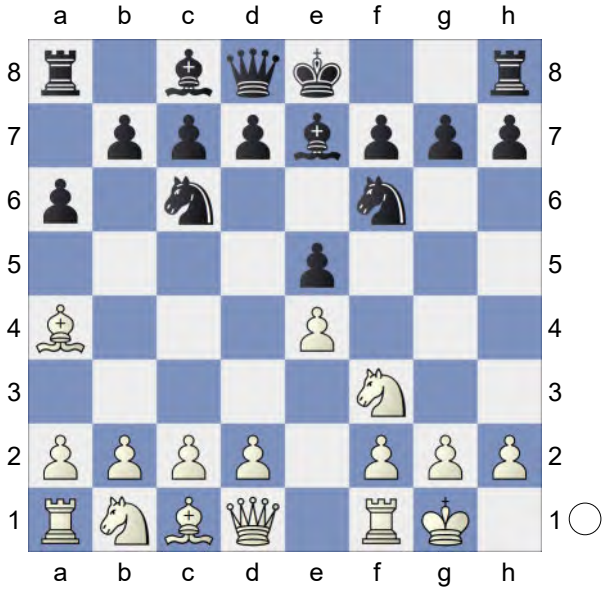
112 **C89**
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2583**
■ **Agmanov,Zhandos** **2446**
Asian Continental op 20th (4) 06.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost!Before this game, the tournament hadn't been going well for me. I had missed a lot of chances and the previous day I had lost a terrible game to Carlsen. But unless you're stranded in the Indian Ocean, all is not lost!

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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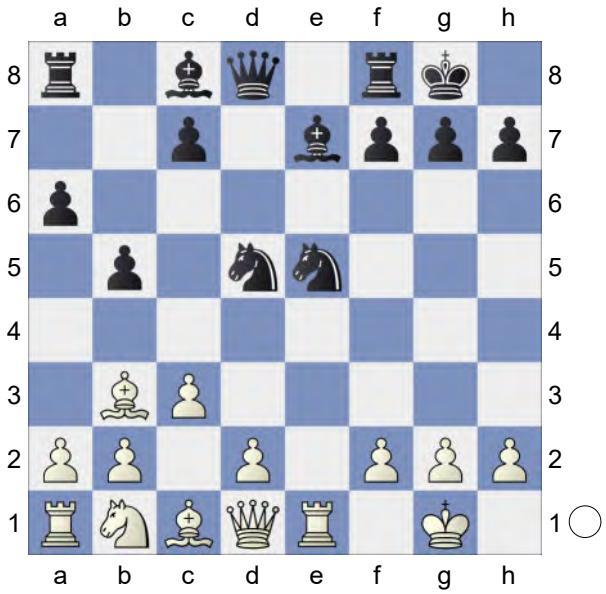
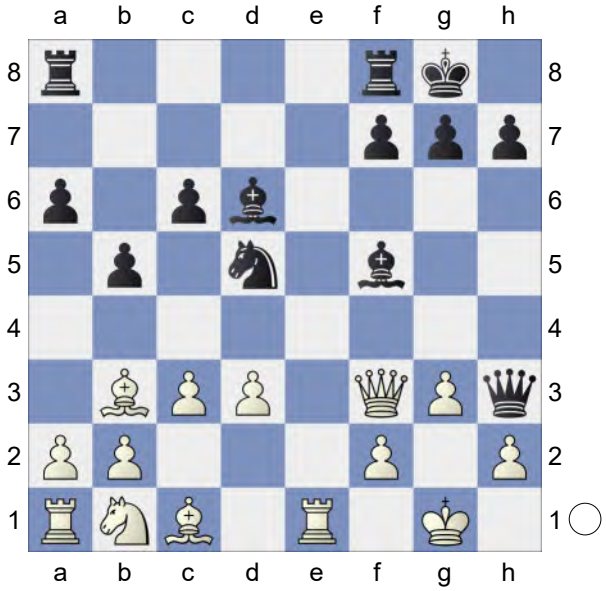


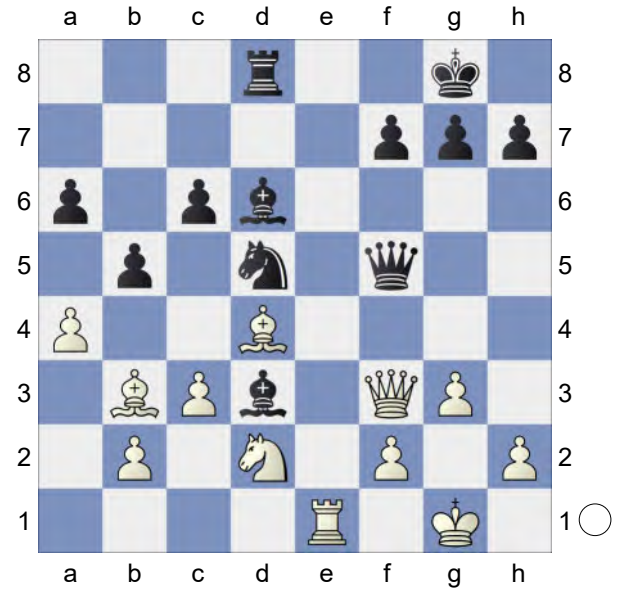
11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3=)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.
17.Nd2 Qf5 17...Bf5 is more advanced technology. 17...Lf5 ist hochmodern. 17...Bf5 is more advanced technology. 17...Lf5 ist hochmodern. **18.Bd4**
[18.Qxf5 simplifies Bxf5 19.Bd4 Rfe8 20.Nf3]
18...Rfe8 19.a4 Rxe1+N

[19...h6 20.Kg2 *(20.a5 Rac8 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.b4 Bd3 24.f3 Bc4 25.Kf2 f6 26.f4 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Kf7 28.Re3 h5 29.Nf3 Ba2 30.Re1 Rg8 31.Nh4 Rc8 32.Nf5 Bf8 33.Ne3 Bc4 34.Kf3 Re8* 1-0 Herpich,N (2418)-Chapter B2 (2312) URS-ch53 Kiev 1986*)* 20...Qxf3+ *(20...Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Ra6 Be7 26.Nf1 b4 27.Ne3 Bd3 28.Ra5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Bd8 30.Ra8 f6 31.f3 Be7 32.Ra7 Bd6 33.Rd7 Ba3 34.Rxd5 Kg8 35.h4* 1-0 Caruana,F (2782)-Aronian,L (2812) Zuerich Chess Challenge 2014 (5) *)* 21.Kxf3 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Bf5 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.Nc5 Nb6 25.g4 Nd7 26.gxf5 Nxc5 27.Bxc5 Bxc5 28.Rd1 Kf8 29.Rd7 Ra7 30.Rxa7 Bxa7 31.axb5 1-0 Adams,M (2720)-Gurevich,M (2643) 37th Olympiad 2006 (4)]

20.Rxe1 Rd8



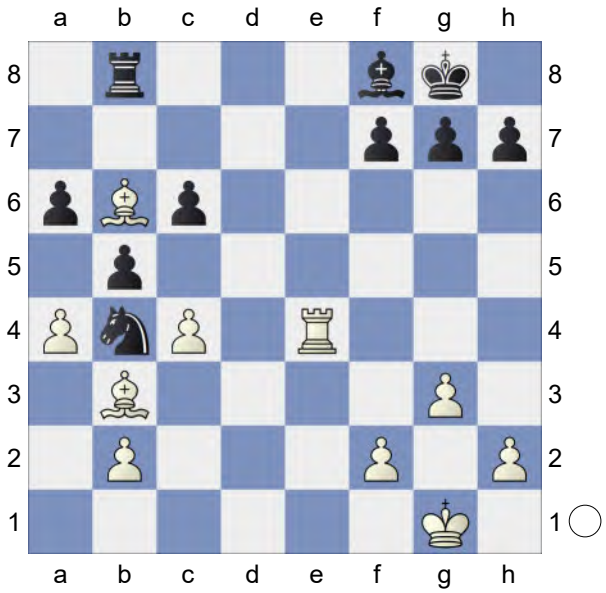
21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf8N

[Predecessor: 23...Kf8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Re1 b4 26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.cxb4 Bxb4 28.Re3 f6 29.Rb3 Be7 ½-½ Anokhin,Y (2428)-Kolarik,J (2415) WLS/SRCCC/21/D1 2021 [1] ½-½ Anokhin,Y (2428)-Kolarik,J (2415) WLS/SRCCC/21/D1 2021 [1]]

24.c4 Nb4 1.01/24

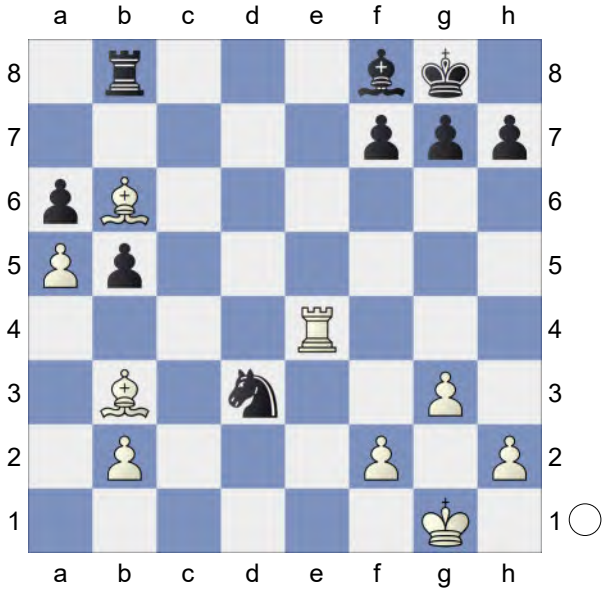
[24...Nf6± 0.60/20 25.Bxf6 gxf6]

25.Bb6± Rb8



26.a5 Black must now prevent Re4-d4.

26...Nd3 27.cxb5 cxb5



28.Bd5! Nxb2 2.47/23 This move loses the game for Black.

[28...Nb4± 1.09/21 29.Rd4 Nxd5

30.Rxd5 b4]

29.Rf4+- Bb6-c7! would now be deadly.

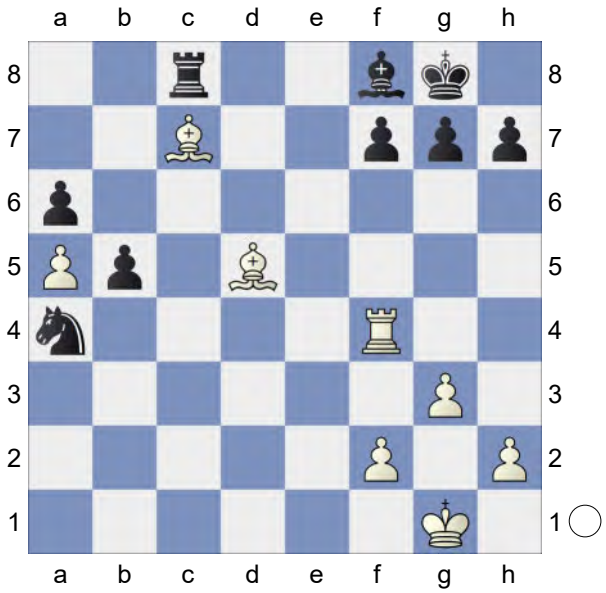
29...Na4? 4.02/24

[29...Kh8 2.42/23 is a better defense. 30.Rxf7 Na4]

30.Bc7 This pair of bishops is nice.

[30.Bxf7+ Kh8±]

30...Rc8



31.Rxf7

[Weaker is 31.Bxf7+ Kh8 32.Bd5 Bc5±]

31...Kh8 32.Bb7 Kg8 33.Rf3

[Less strong is 33.Bxc8 Kxf7 34.Bxa6 Nc3+-]

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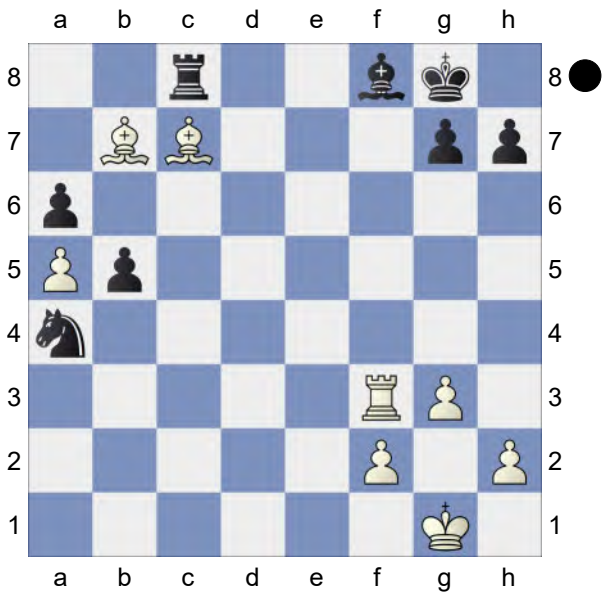

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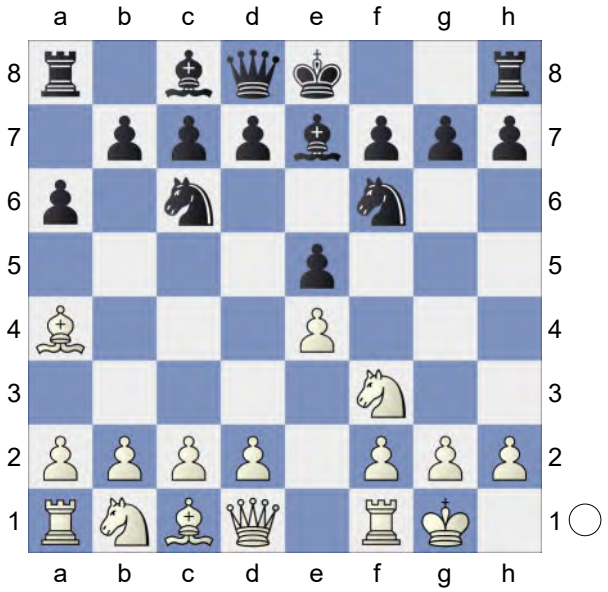
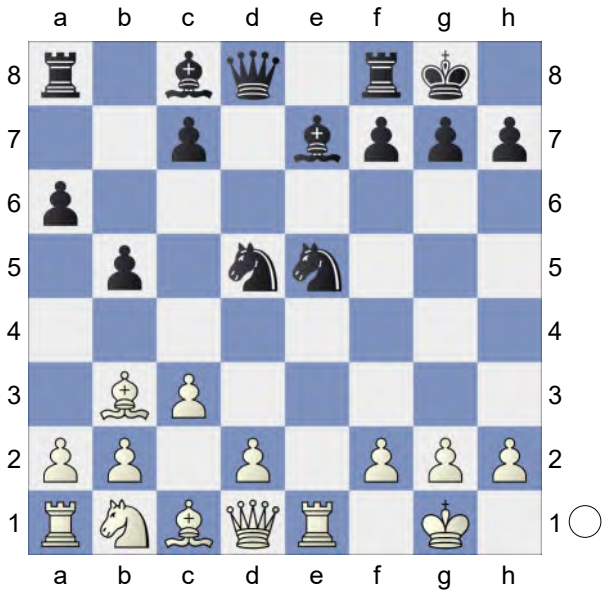
113 **C89**
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Doshi,Moksh Amitbhai** **2383**
Qatar Masters op-A (6) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5

13...Bf5 scores better than 13...Qh4.
13...Lf5 punktet besser als 13...Dh4.
14.g3
[14.Qf3 Qf6 *(14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Re4 29.Kf3* Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest 2024 ½-½ *)* 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 d4 18.cxd4 Rad8 19.Nc3 Rxd4 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxe4 Rxd3 23.a4 Rfd8 24.g3 R3d4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.axb5 axb5 27.Re1 Rd2 28.b3 Rb2 Polgar,J (2705)-Aronian,L (2815) London ENG 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (34)]
14...Qf6N
[14...Qd7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 f6 22.f3 Kf7 23.Nf1 Re8 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.f4 f5 27.Kf2 g6 28.Nc2 a5 29.Bc5 Riechenberg,S (1655)-Seitz,M (1791) Willingen 2023 ½-½ (33) Rb8 30.Nd4 Bb6 31.Bxb6 Rxb6 32.Re1 Bc8 33.Nf3 ½-½ (33) Jacob,T (1655)-Suljakow (1791) Jugoslavija 63/502 2023 Colle NS [John Watson]]
[14...Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.a4 b4 17.d4 Bh3 18.cxb4 Qe4 19.f3 Qg6 20.Qe2 Bxg3 21.hxg3 Qxg3+ 22.Kh1 Nf6 23.Ra3 Re8 24.Be3 Ng4 25.fxg4 Bxg4 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Bd2 Rxe2 28.Rxg3 Bf5 Chapter-Games Game - 1]
15.Nd2 Qg6

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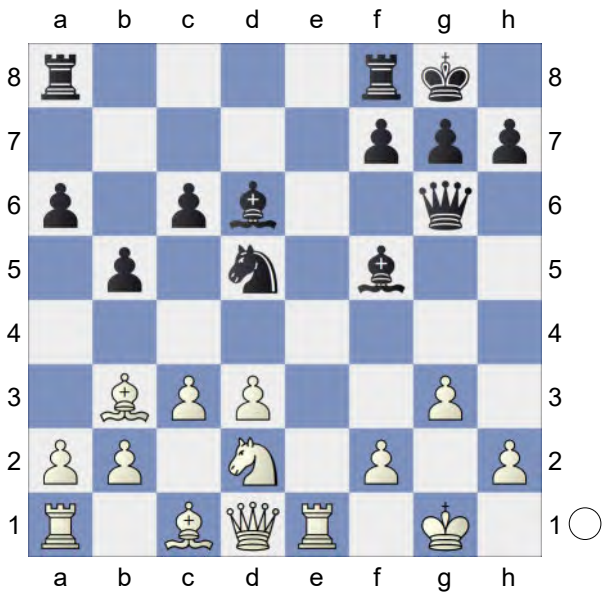
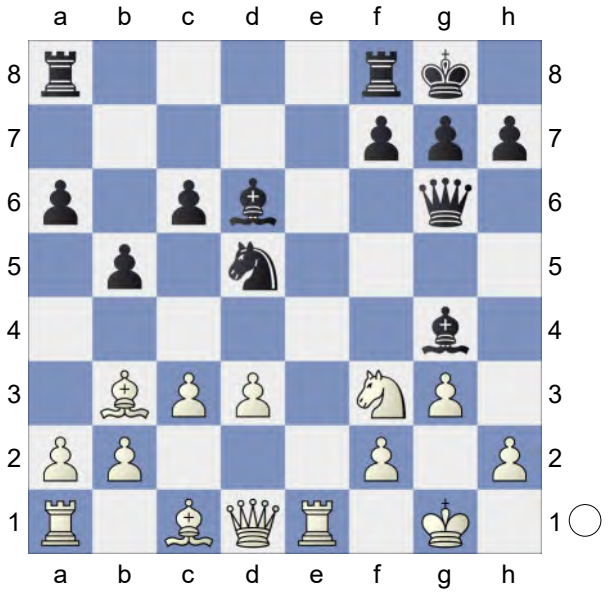


16.Nf3 White is slightly better. **16...Bg4**



And now ...Qh5 would win. **17.Nh4! Qh5**
18.f3 Bh3N
[18...Bd7 19.a4 Rae8 0.32/21 *(19...b4= -0.01/18)* 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ng2 Bc5+ 0.57/20 *(22...Be6= 0.18/19)* 23.d4 1-0 Malar,P (2070)-Pis,D (1930) SVK-chT2B 9394 1993 (5)]
19.a4 Rae8 20.axb5 axb5

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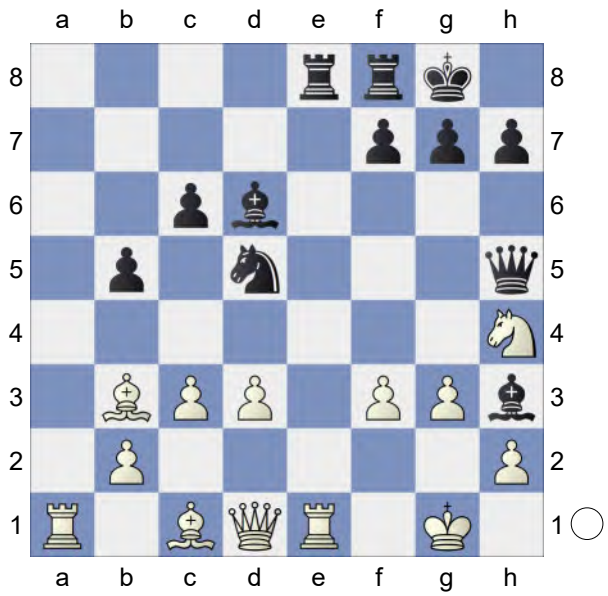
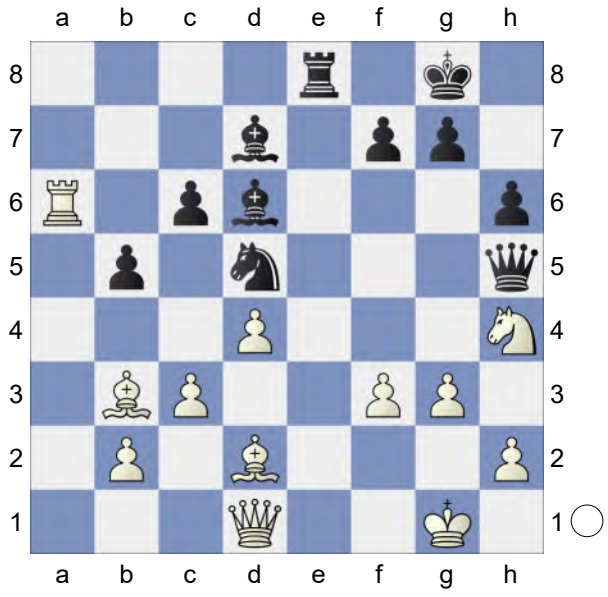


21.Ra6 Bd7 22.Re4 -0.01/19
[22.d4± 0.34/19]
22...Nf6 0.48/19
[22...b4= -0.01/19]
23.Rxe8± Rxe8 24.d4 Nd5 25.Bd2 0.32/20
[25.Ng2± 0.71/19]
25...h6



26.Qf1 -0.01/22
[26.Ng2± 0.43/21]

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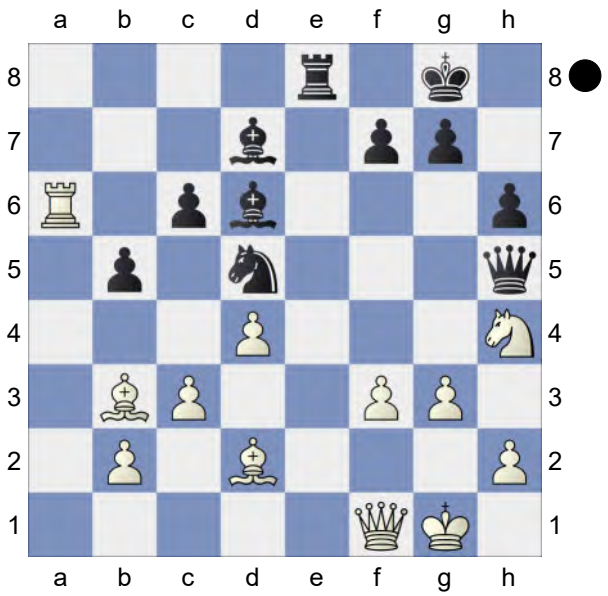
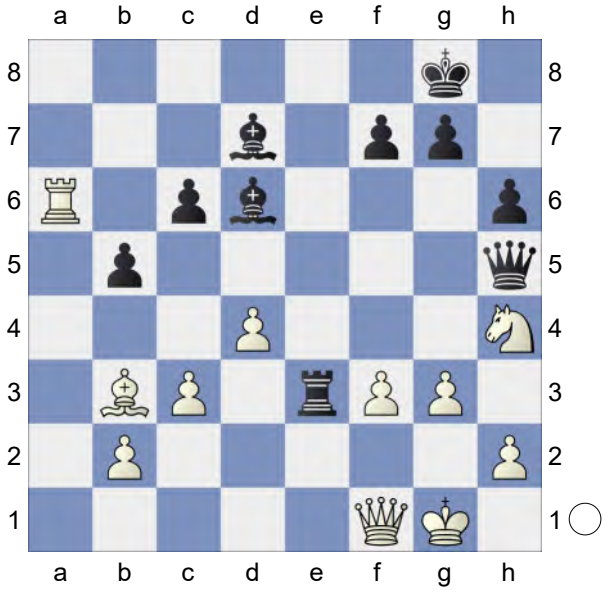
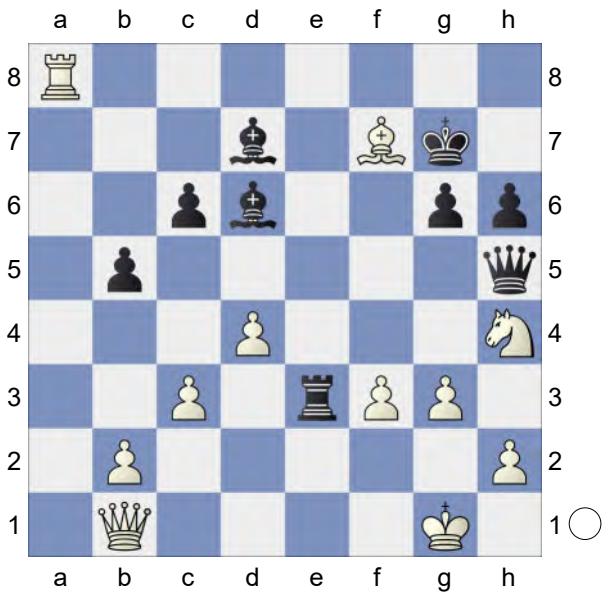


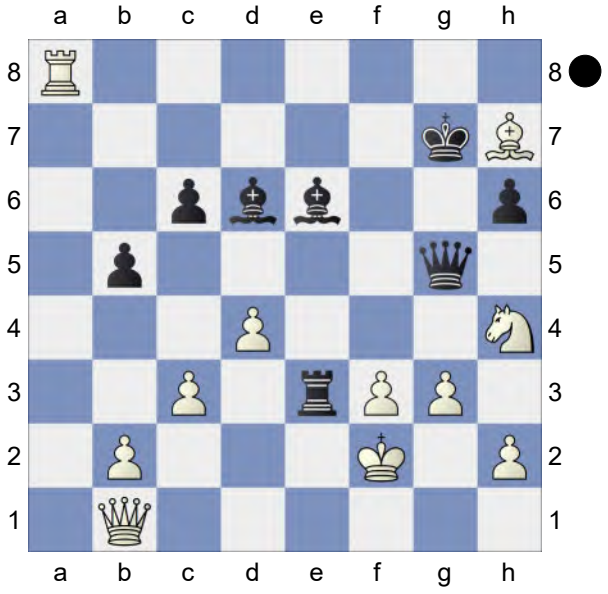
26...Ne3 0.88/22
[26...Bf4!= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. 27.Bxf4 *(27.gxf4 Qxh4 28.Bxd5 cxd5=)* 27...Nxf4]
27.Bxe3± Rxe3



28.Ra8+ 0.70/23
[28.Ra7!± 1.21/23 Re7 29.Qd3]
28...Kh7? 6.67/22 This costs Black the game.
[28...Re8± 0.70/23 29.Ra7 Be6 30.Bxe6 Rxe6]
29.Qb1++- White is clearly winning.
29...g6 30.Bxf7 Kg7



31.Bxg6 Qg5 32.Bh7 Threatens to win with Rg8+. **32...Be6** 9.14/22 Against Rg8+
[⌓32...Re8 4.63/22]
33.Kf2



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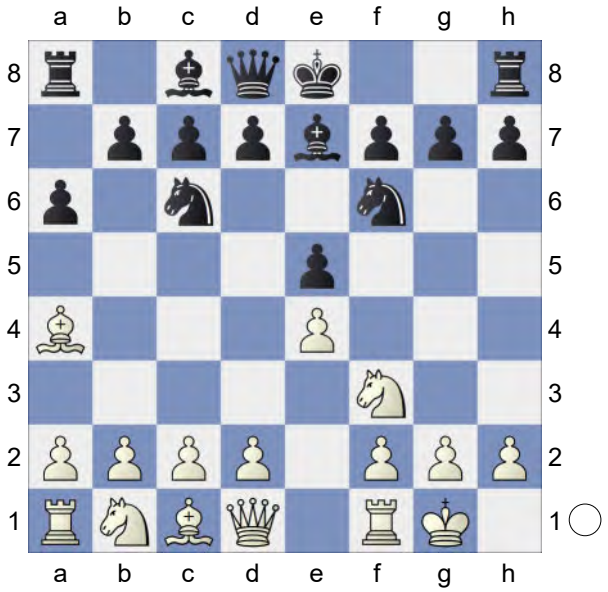
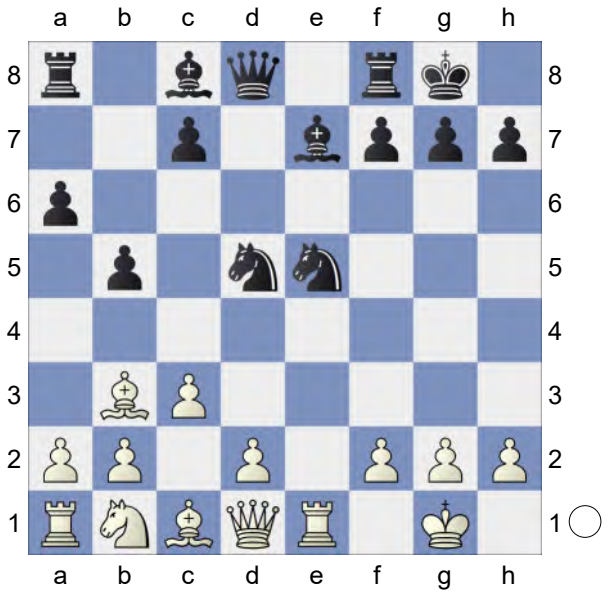
114 **C89**
□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2514**
■ **Panesar,Vedant** **2372**
AI Cup Play In rapid (8) 18.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

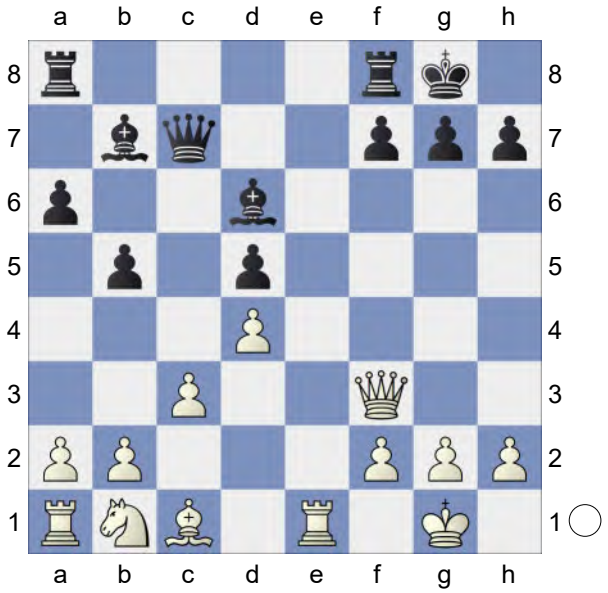
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6
14.Re1! is more profitable than 14.Re2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 14. Te2. is more profitable than 14.Re2 at the moment .scheint profitabler als 14. Te2. **14...cxd5 15.d4 Qc7**
[15...Re8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.g3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.a3 Bf8 21.Nd2 a5 22.Nb3 a4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Rac8 25.Rac1 Ba6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qf4 h6 29.Qb8 Qf5 30.b3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3.16)]



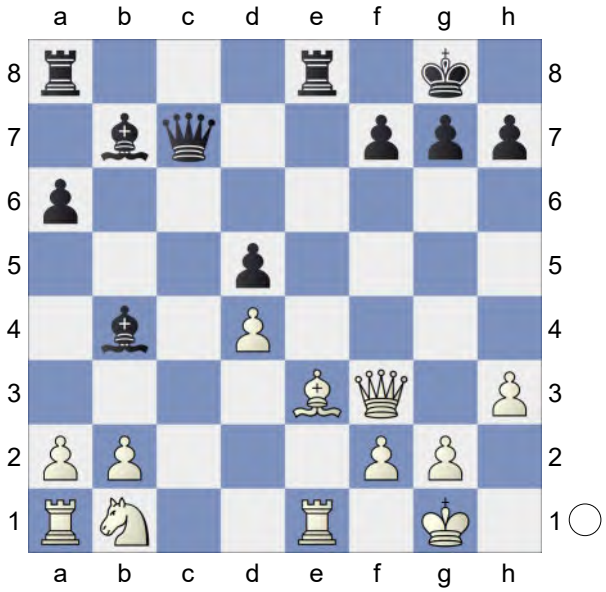
16.h3N White is slightly better.
[16.g3 Rae8 17.Be3 Re6 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Re2 a5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Bf4 bxc3 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.bxc3 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Bc8 25.Nb3 Rf8 26.Re5 Rf6 27.h3 h6 28.f5 exf5 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.Nc5 Rg6+ 1-0 Karthikeyan,M (2627)-Dubov,D (2708) Armageddon Asia&Oceania Lose blitz 2023 (1.1)]
16...Rfe8 **17.Be3N**
[Vorgänger: 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Bd2 0.09/21 Inhibits Re8-e1+. *(18.Be3± 0.55/22)* 18...Bc8 19.Na3 Re6

20.Nc2 Rf6 21.Qe2 Rg6 22.Qf3 -0.01/20 *(22.Qe8+± 0.40/21 Bf8 23.Qe3)* 22...Rf6!= 23.Qe2 -0.01/27 0-1 Wilshusen,H (1434)-Firsching,G (2117) GER T222-C89-S email 2015 0-1 Wilshusen,H (1434)-Firsching,G (2117) GER T222-C89-S email 2015 *(23.Qe3± 0.39/20 might be stronger.)*]

17...b4 0.92/20

[17...h6± 0.47/21 feels stronger.]

18.cxb4± Bxb4

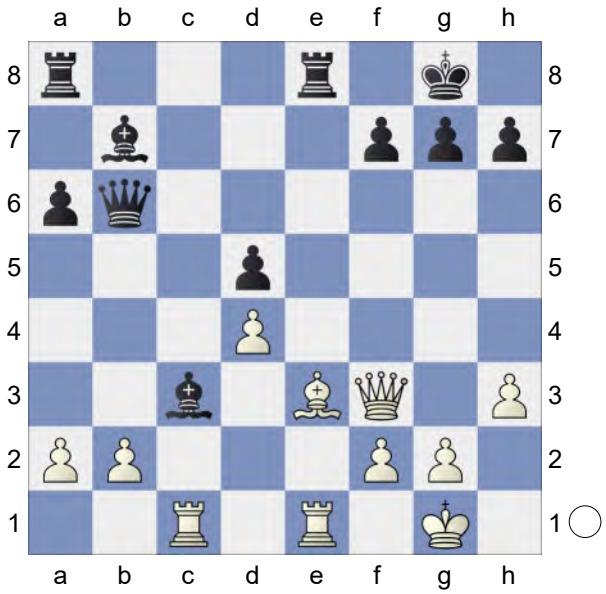


19.Nc3! Bxc3

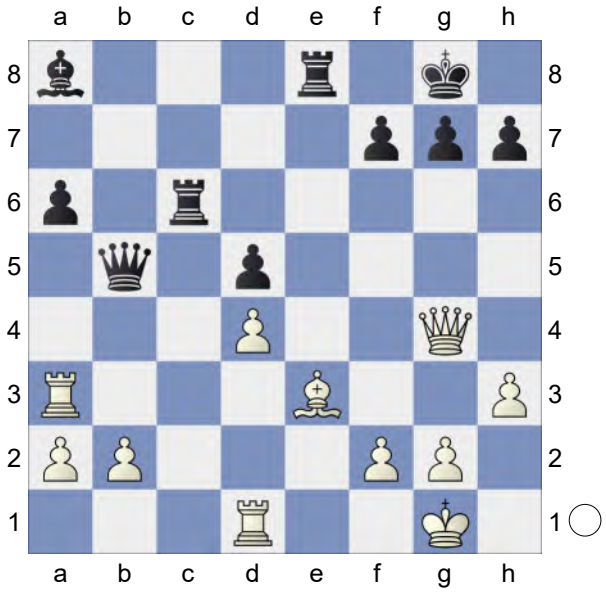
[19...Qb6 20.Rec1]

20.Rac1 Pin **20...Qb6**

(Diagram)



Double Attack **21.Rxc3 Rac8 22.Rb3 Qa5 23.Rd1 Ba8 24.Ra3 Qb5 25.Qg4 Rc6**



Inhibits Be3-h6. **26.Rb3 Qa4** 1.61/21

[26...Qa5± 1.22/24 keeps fighting.]

27.Qd7+- Rf8 2.15/21 Black is weak on the dark squares

[27...Rc4± 1.48/22 28.Qxa4 Rxa4]

28.Bf4 Bf4-d6 would now be deadly.

[28.Qxd5? Qxa2 *(28...Rg6? 29.Qe5-+)* 29.h4 Rc7-+]

28...Qxa2? 5.02/23

[28...Rc4 1.78/21 29.Qa7 *(29.Qxa4*

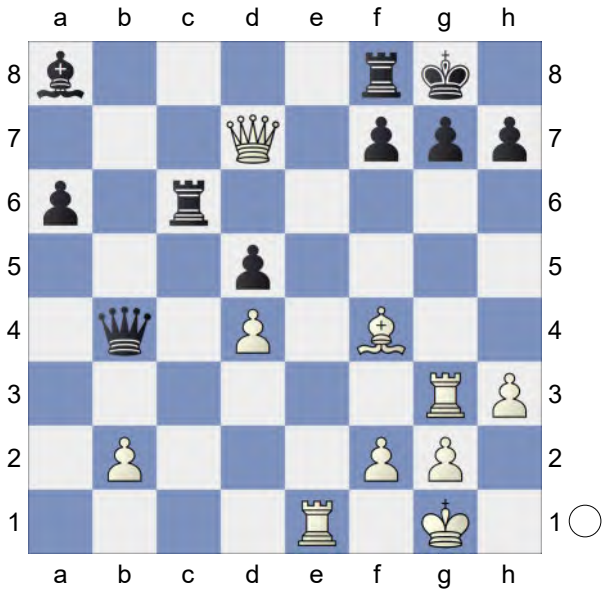
Rxa4 30.Bd6 Re8+-) 29...h5]

29.Rg3? 1.31/23

[29.Qxd5? loses. Rc2 30.Qh5 Qxb3-+]

[29.Rb8+- 5.02/23 has better winning chances. White threatens Rb8xf8+ and mate. Rxb8 30.Bxb8]

29...Qa4± 30.Re1 Qb4



31.Ree3 White has more active pieces.

31...Qb7 32.Qxb7 0.57/22

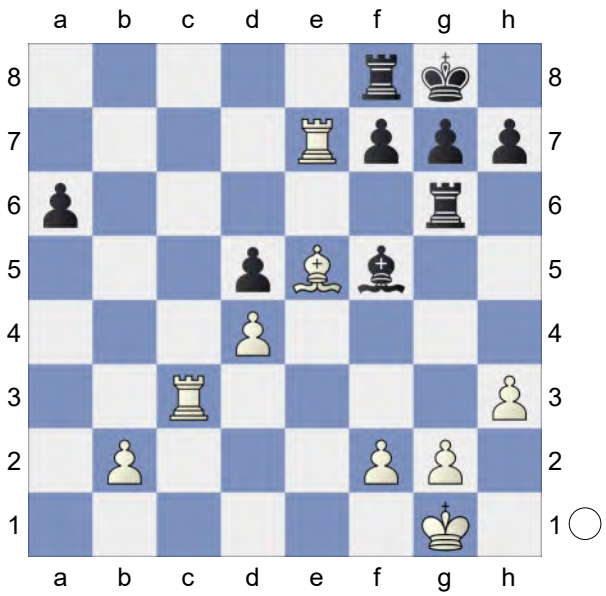
[32.Qxd5? is the wrong capture. Rc1+ *(32...Qxb2 33.Qe5±)* 33.Kh2 Qxd5-+]

[32.Re7± 1.22/21 Qxd7 33.Rxd7]

32...Bxb7± 33.Re7 Bc8 34.Be5 Rg6 35.Rc3 Bf5 0.82/21

[35...h5± 0.46/21 was preferrable.]

(Diagram)

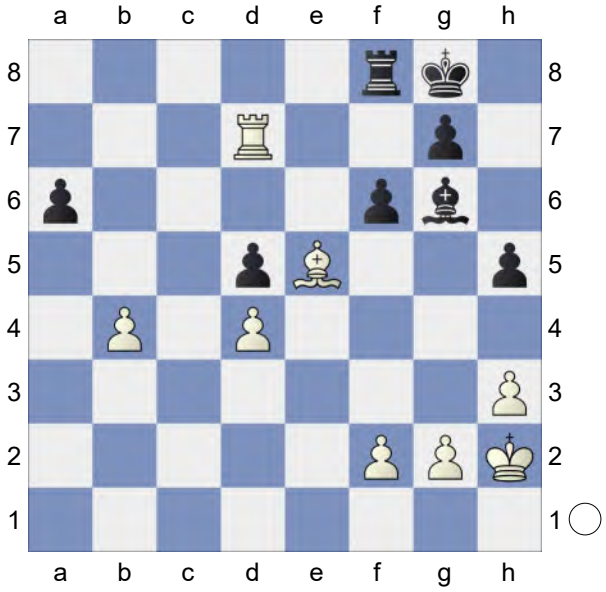


36.Kh2 0.27/22

[36.g4± 0.82/21]

36...h5 37.b4 Rb6 38.Rg3 Rg6 39.Rxg6 Bxg6= Endgame. KRB-KRB

40.Rd7 f6



41.Bf4 Rc8 42.Rxd5 Rc4 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Bd2 Rc2 45.Be3 Rb2

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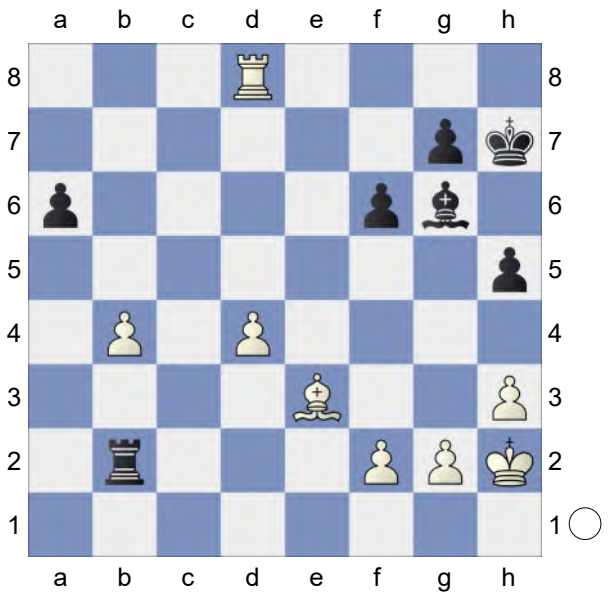
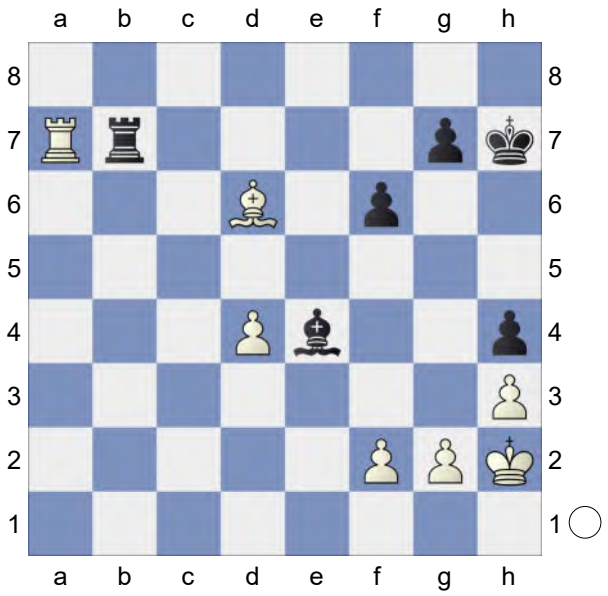


46.Rd6 Rxb4 47.Rxa6 Rb5 48.Ra7 h4 49.Bf4 Be4 50.Bd6 Rb7



51.Ra2 Bd5 52.Rd2 g5 53.f3 Kg6 54.Kg1 f5 55.Kf2 g4

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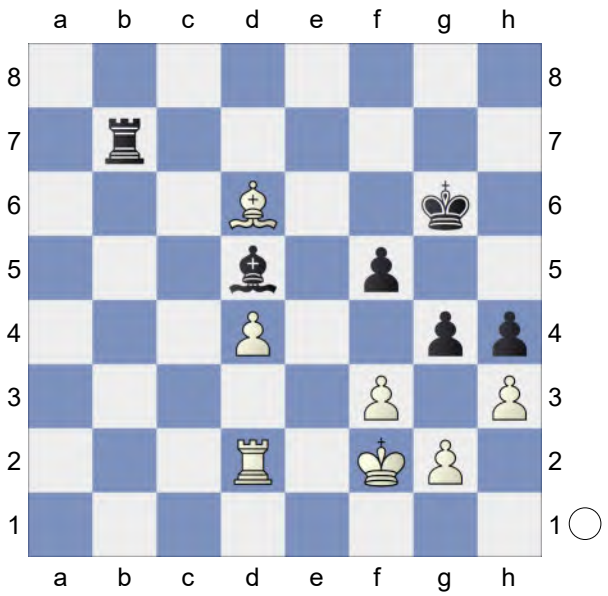
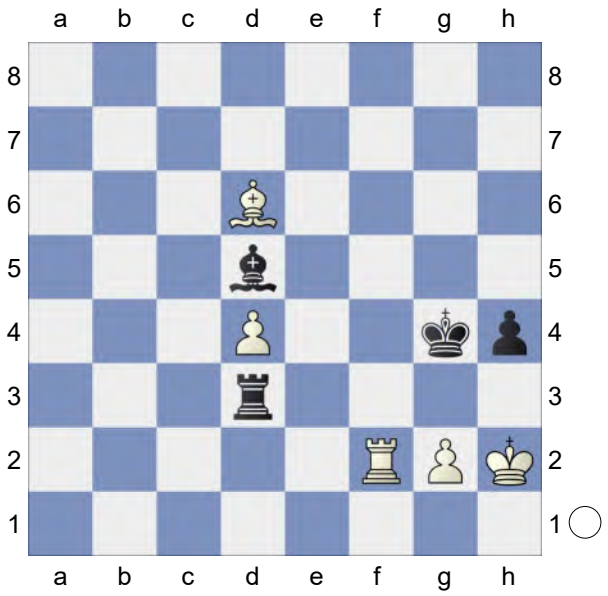


56.fxg4 fxg4 57.hxg4 Kg5 58.Kg1 Kxg4 59.Kh2 Rb3 60.Rf2 Rd3



61.Be5 Kg5 62.Bf6+ Kg6 63.Be5 Kg5 64.Rc2 Kg4 65.Rc7 Rd2

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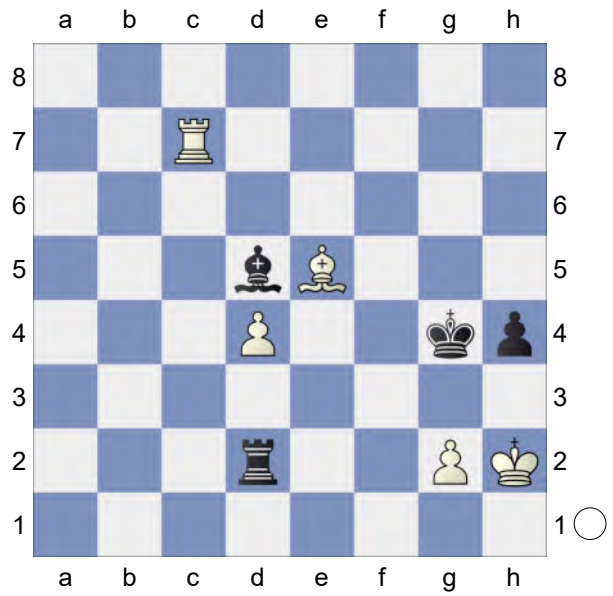
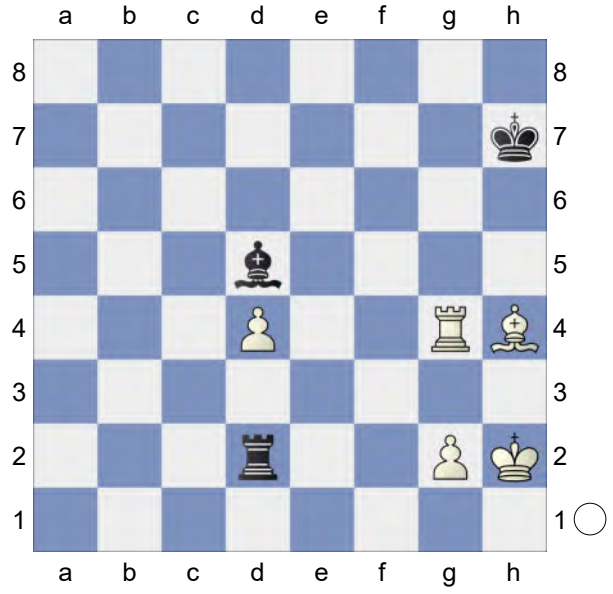


66.Rg7+ Kh5 67.Bf6 Rg7-g5+ is the strong threat. **67...Be4 68.Rg5+ Kh6 69.Rg4 Bd5** 0.61/24
[Better is 69...Bb7= 0.03/23]
70.Bxh4± Kh7



71.Bg5 Rd3 72.Bf6 Rd2 73.Be5 Bc6 74.Kg1 Bd5= -0.01/25 keeps the balance. **75.Kf1 Ra2**

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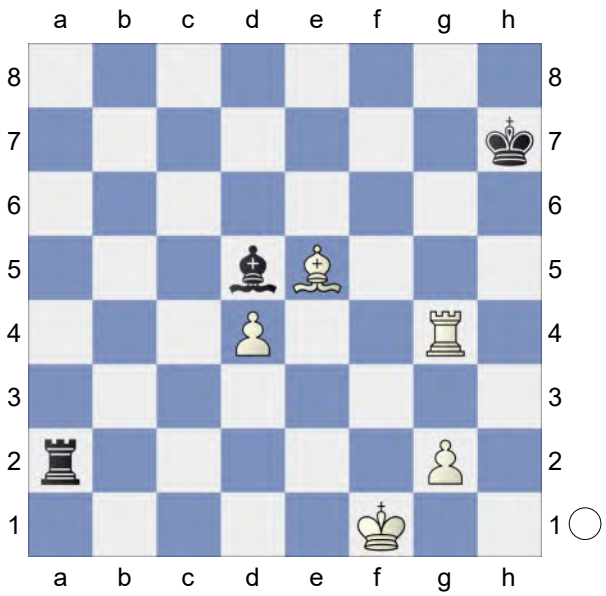
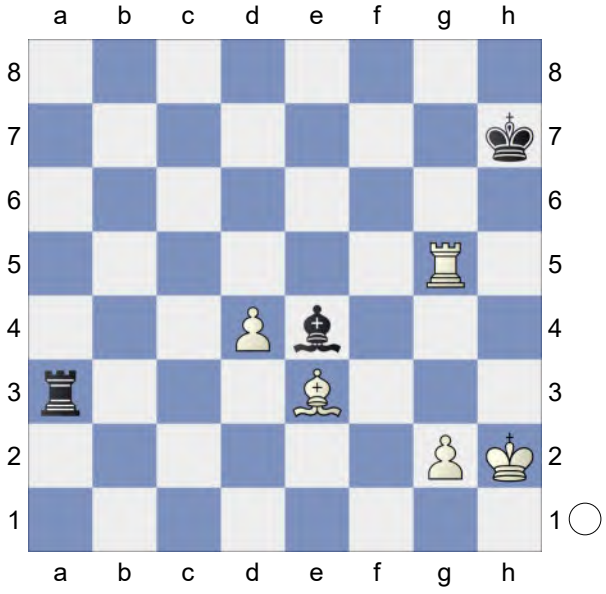


76.Kg1 -0.01/25
[76.Rg5± 0.75/22]
76...Ra1+ 0.71/25 **77.Kh2± Ra2 78.Rg5 Be4** 1.13/25
[78...Rd2± 0.60/24 79.Kg1 Kh6]
79.Bf4 0.58/25 **Ra4± 80.Be3 Ra3**



81.Rg3 Rd3 82.Kg1 Bd5 83.Kf2 Ra3 84.Rg5 Ra2+ 85.Kg1 Be4

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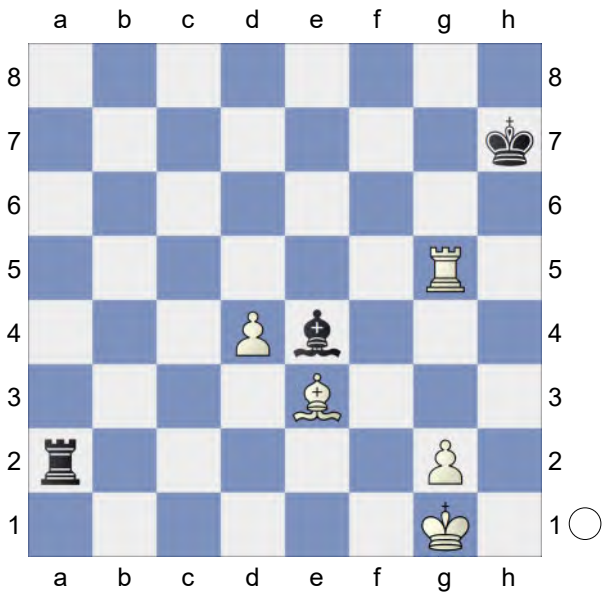
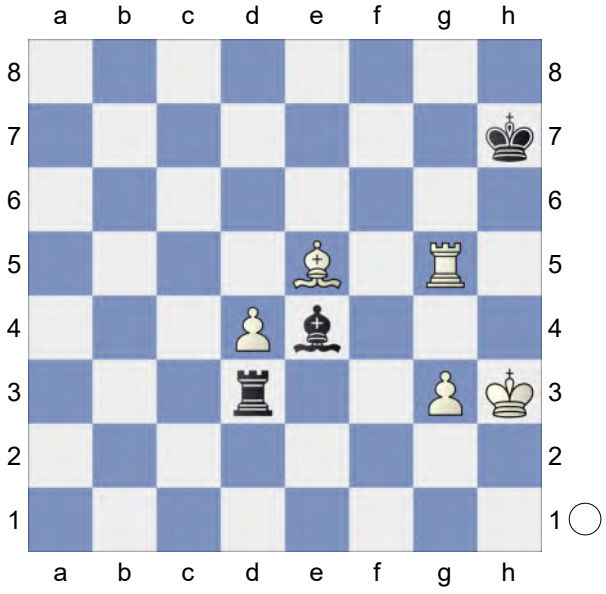
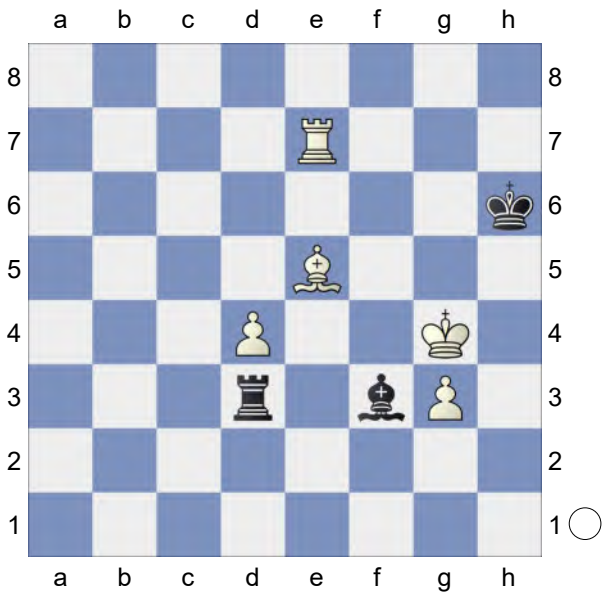


86.Bf4 0.22/26
[86.g3± 0.83/25]
86...Ra4!= 87.Be5 Ra1+! 88.Kh2 Ra2!
White should play **89.Kh3±** 1.13/25
Ra3+ 90.g3 Rd3

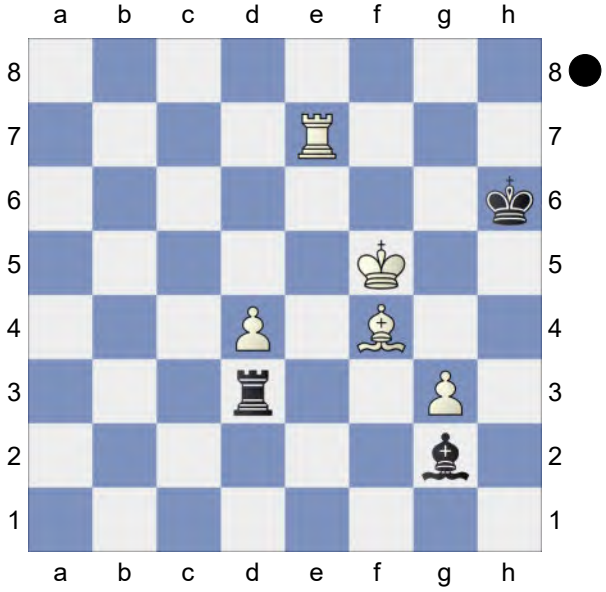


91.Kg4 And now Kg4-h5 would win.
91...Bd5 92.Rg7+ Kh6 93.Re7
White wants to mate with Kg4-f5.
93...Bf3+? #20/25

(Diagram)



94.Kf5 Bg2 95.Bf4+



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115 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2852**
Airthings Masters Div 1 W rapid (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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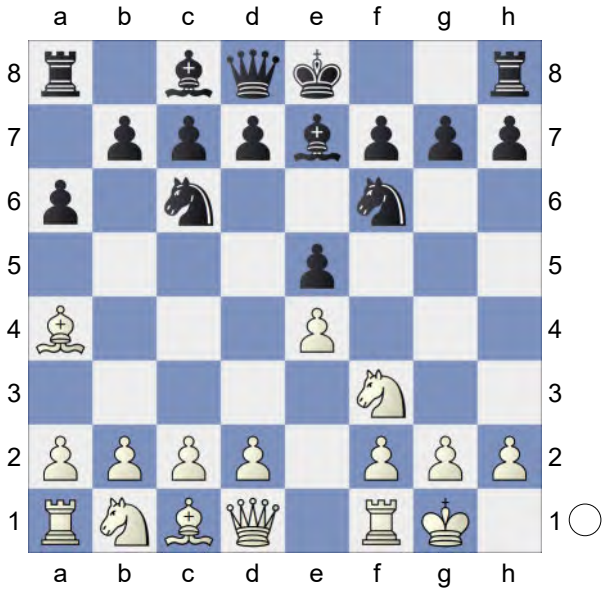
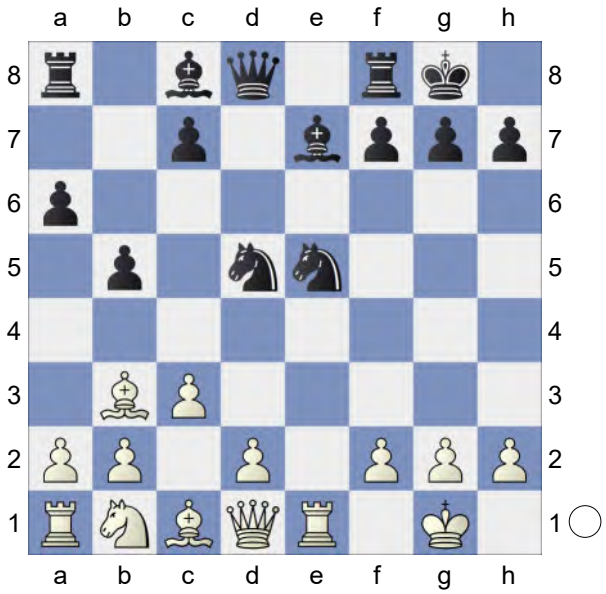


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6!
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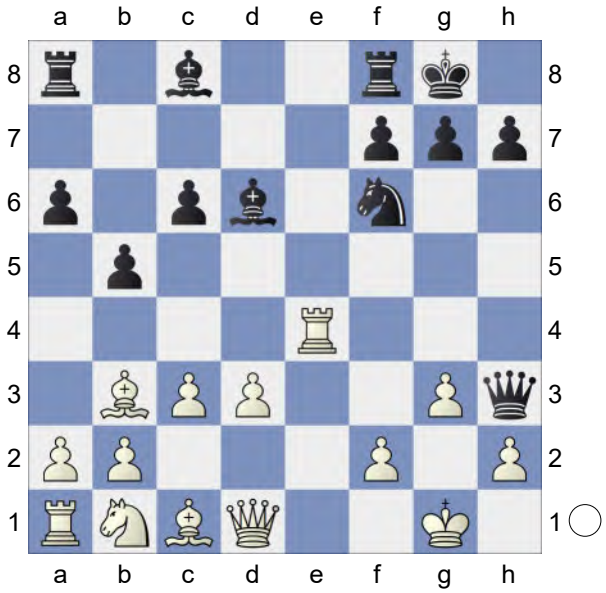
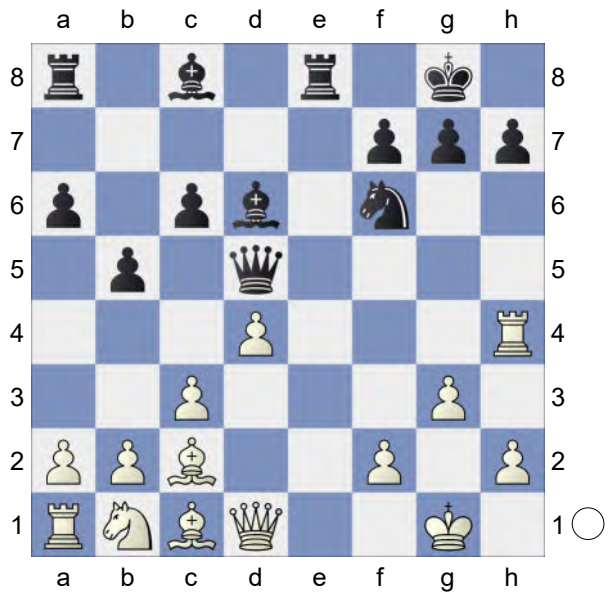


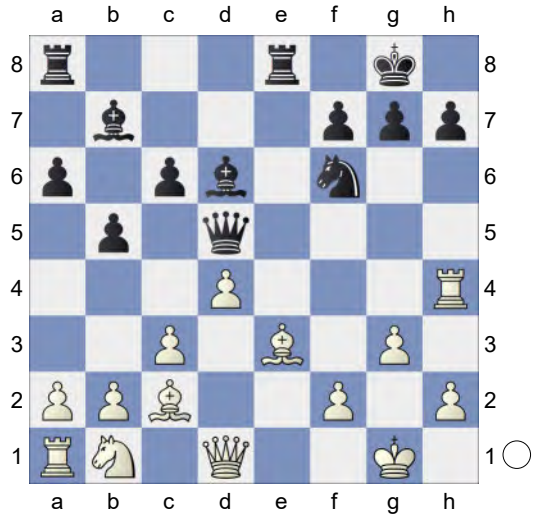
is more profitable than 15...Qf5 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 15...Df5. Threatens to win with ...Nf6-g4! **16.Rh4 Qf5 17.d4 Re8**
[17...Qg6 18.Bc2 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Be3 Rae8 21.Nd2 Nd5 22.Nf1 f6 23.a4 g5 24.Rh5 Qd7 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bd2 Kg7 27.h4 h6 28.Nh2 Kg6 29.Ng4 Rh8 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Rxh8 Rxh8 32.Qf3 ½-½ Almasi,Z (2657)-Vallejo Pons,F (2666) Olympiad-37 Turin 2006 (8)]
18.Bc2N
[18.Bf4 g5 19.Bc2 Ne4 20.f3 Bxf4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Rxf4 gxf4 23.fxe4 Qxe4 24.Nd2 Qe3+ 25.Kg2 c5 C 89/14 2000]
18...Qd5 19.Bb3 0.01/20 **Qf5= 20.Bc2 Qd5**

(Diagram)



21.Bb3N -0.01/21

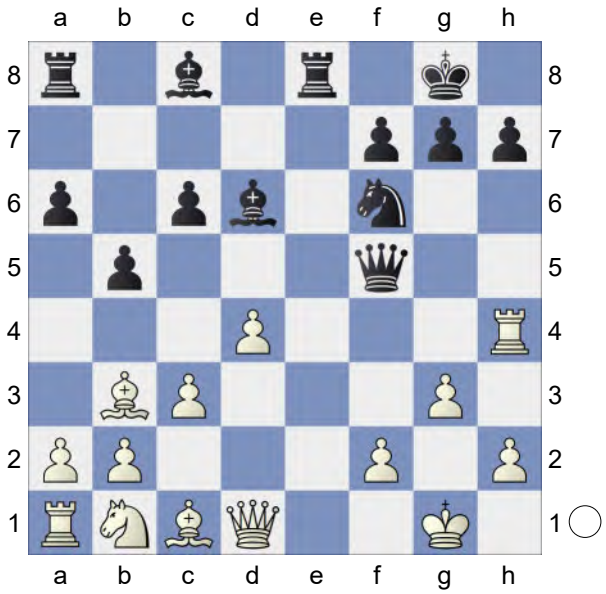
[Vorgänger: White should try 21.Be3± 0.75/21 Bb7 And now ...c6-c5 would win. 22.Bb3 0.41/21 Qf5± ...c6-c5 is the strong threat. 23.Bc2 -0.01/20 *(23.Nd2± 0.62/20)* 23...Qd5!=



White must now prevent ...c6-c5. 24.c4!± 0.84/22 bxc4 25.Nc3 Qe6 26.Qf3 g6 Dodges Bc2-f5 27.Bg5 0.53/22 *(*Better is *27.b3± 1.13/20)* 27...Nd5± 28.Ne4 0-1 (38) Georgiadis, N (2575)-Kraemer,M (2578) Switzerland 2022]

[21.c4± 0.59/22 bxc4 *(21...Qxc4 22.Nc3±)* 22.Nc3]

21...Qf5



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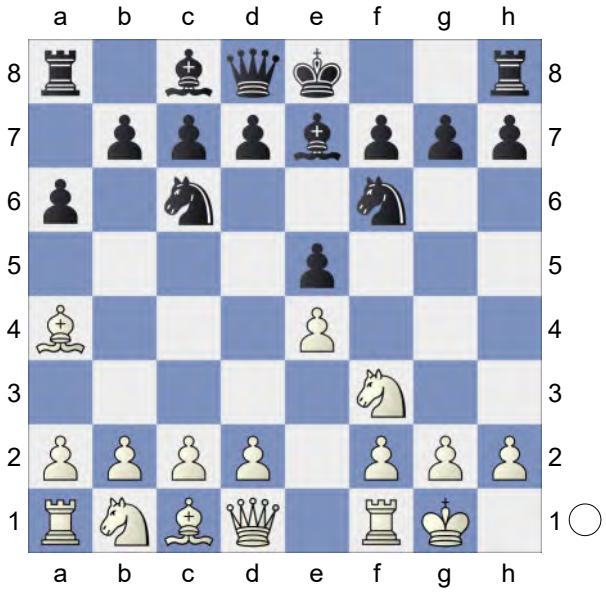
116 **C89**
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2321**
■ **Rohit,Krishna S** **2423**
Abu Dhabi op 29th (9) 24.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Kuzmin,A; Kimelfeld,R: 'Inf 42/426' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



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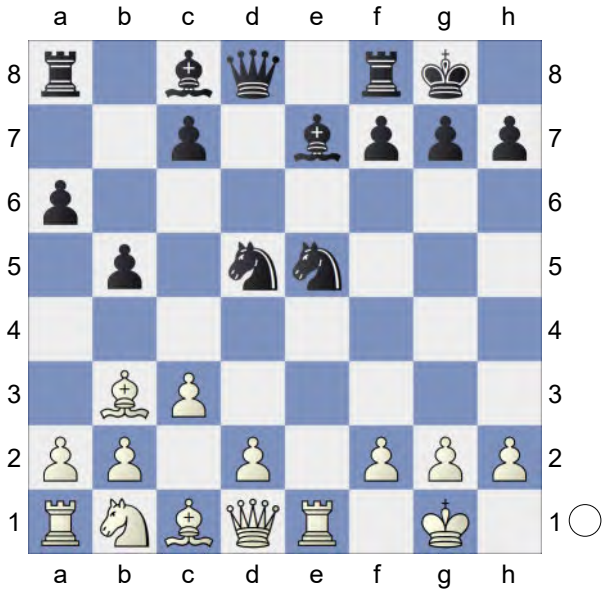

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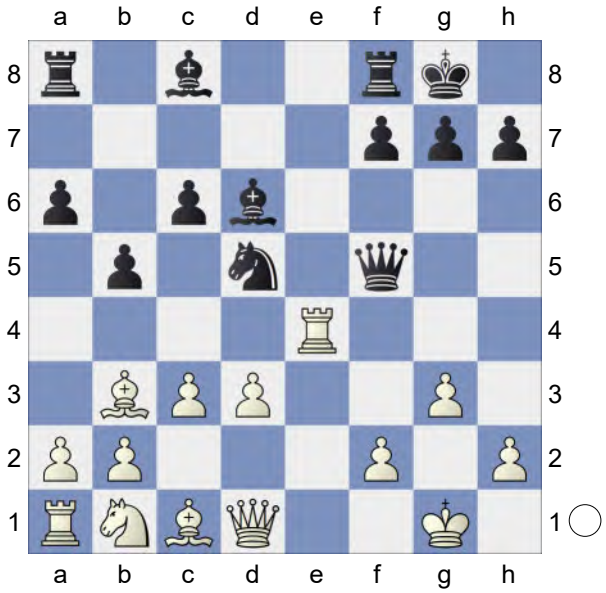

15...Nf6 is the fancy move. 15...Sf6 ist der angesagte Zug.15...Nf6 is the fancy move. 15...Sf6 ist der angesagte Zug.

16.Nd2 Qg6! 17.Nf1 Bf5

[17...h5 18.a4 Bg4 19.Qe1 Nf6 20.Re3 Rae8 21.axb5 axb5 22.d4 h4 23.Bd1 Bf4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Be3 Bh3 26.Bf3 Nd5 27.Qd2 Bxe3 28.Nxe3 Nxe3 29.Re1 Qf5 30.Bd1 Qd5 31.fxe3 Re6 32.e4 1-0 Kuzmin,A (2440)-Shulman,Y USSR 42/426 1986]

[17...f5 18.Rd4 f4 19.Rxd5 cxd5 20.Bxd5+ Be6 21.Be4 Qf7 22.Bxa8 fxg3 23.Bg2 gxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qxf2 25.Ne3 Bh3 26.Bxh3 Rf3 27.Bg2 1-0 Hux,R-9. ♘f3 ♘c6 10. ♖c1 chess.com (Int.-blitz) 156/(25) 2022]

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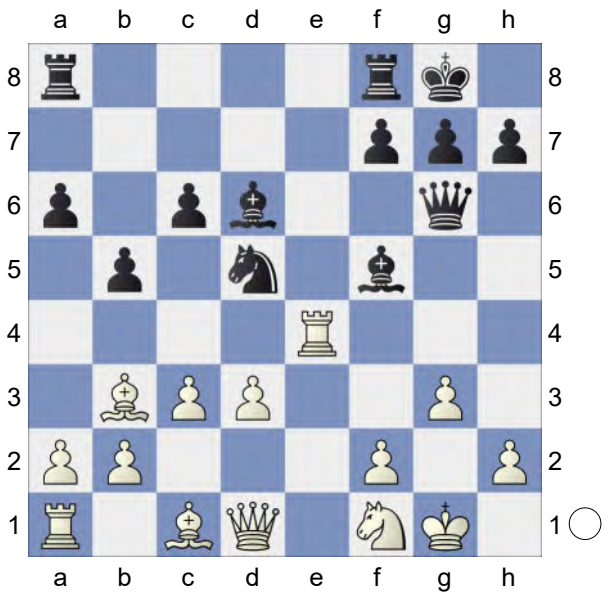
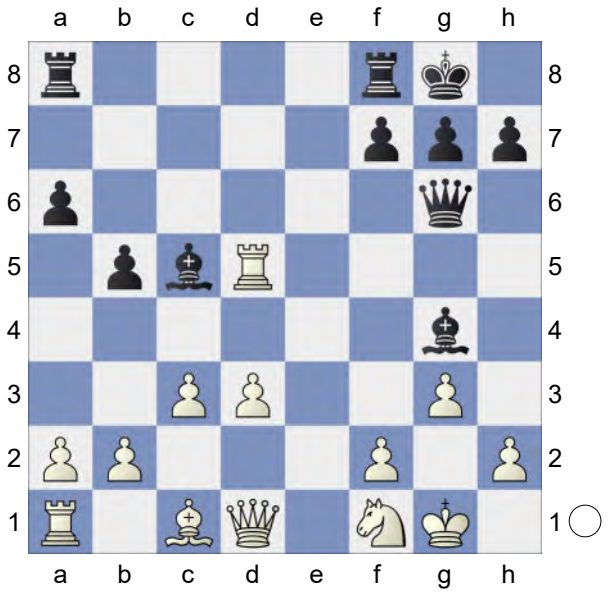


18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Rd4 The position is equal. **19...Bc5N**

[19...Rae8 20.Ne3 ½-½ Genovese,A-Sanz Perucha,J 71/(129) Armenia 1997]

20.Rxd5 Bg4



A strong pair of Bishops. **21.Qe1N** Rd5-g5! would now be deadly.

[Vorgänger: 21.Qc2 -0.38/21 21.Qd1-e1 0.31 Qc6 22.c4! Rac8 23.Be3 Be7 And now ...Qc6xd5 would win. 24.Rc1! Be6 25.Re5 Bh3 26.f4 -0.36/21 *(26.f3!= 0.27/22 Be6 27.Qe2)* 26...Bf6 27.Rc5 0-1 Louro,E-Langeveld,M LSS CP-2006-P-00066 0-1 Louro,E-Langeveld,M LSS CP-2006-P-00066]

21...Rae8 22.Be3 Bxe3 1.07/22

[22...Be7= 0.16/24]

23.fxe3 0.71/20 White leaves nothing to chance now.

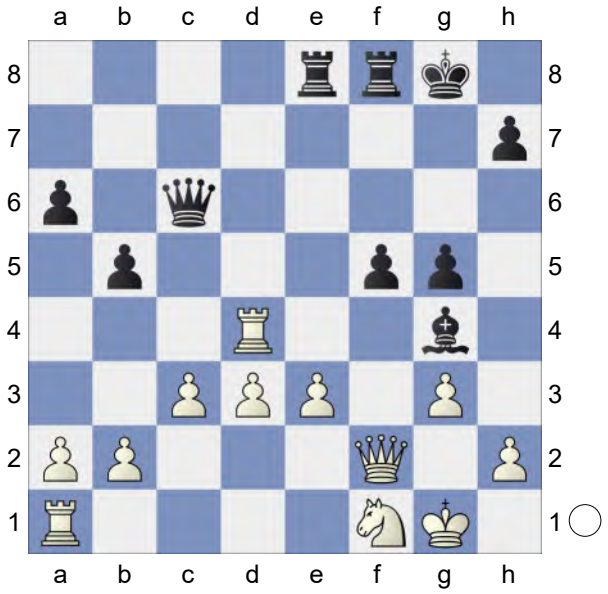
[White should play 23.Nxe3 1.07/22 Bf3 24.Rd4]

23...f5 1.09/21

[⌓23...Bf3 0.71/20 24.Rd4 f5]

24.Qf2± Qc6 25.Rd4 g5 1.65/20

[25...Bh3± 1.03/20]



26.a4+- Re7 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qc2 f4 29.gxf4 Bh3 1.66/21 Against Qc2-g2

[29...Qf3± 1.29/23]

30.Qb3+

[30.fxg5? Qf3-+]

[30.Qf2 gxf4 31.exf4 *(31.Rxf4 Rxf4 32.exf4 Rg7+ 33.Ng3 h5∓)* 31...h5=]

30...Be6

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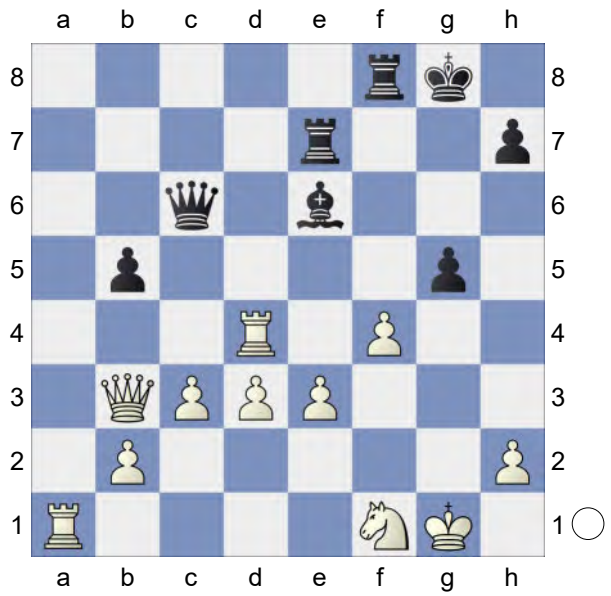
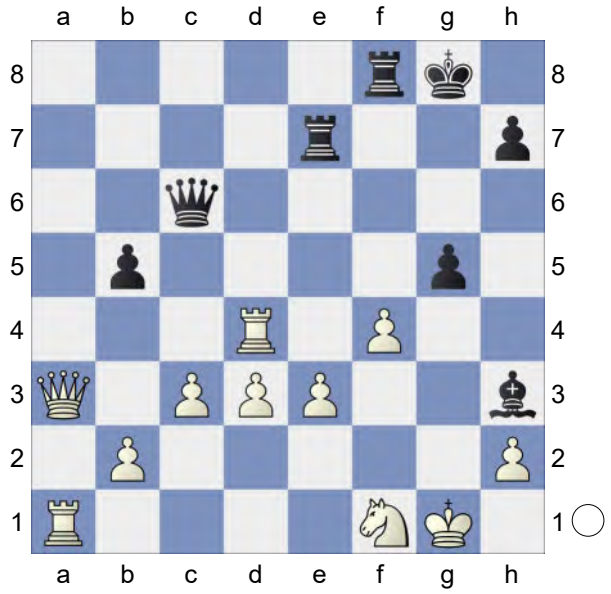


31.Qa3 Bh3



32.Qa2+! Be6 2.45/23

[32...Ref7 1.92/24 was called for. 33.Qd5 *(33.fxg5? Qg2#)* 33...Qxd5 34.Rxd5 gxf4]

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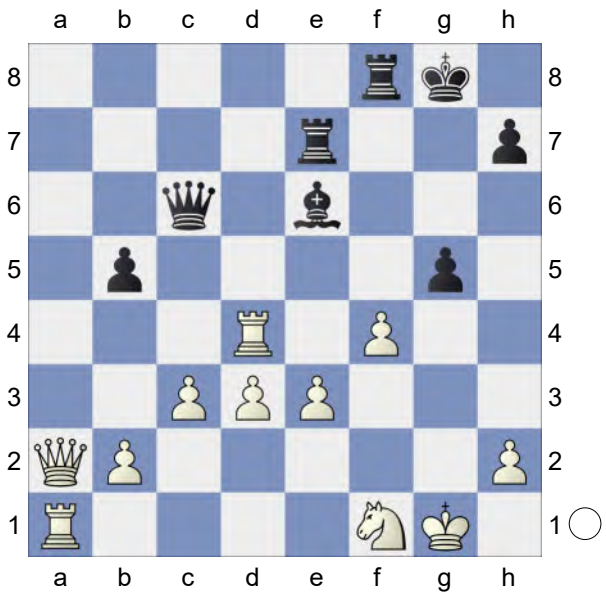

33.Qa6! Qf3 34.Qd6

[34.fxg5 Bh3]

[34.Qxb5 gxf4 35.exf4 Rg7+ 36.Ng3 Rxg3+ *(36...Qe3+ 37.Kg2=)* 37.hxg3 h6= *(37...Qxg3+ 38.Kf1=)*]

34...Rff7 6.52/25

[34...Bh3 2.50/23 35.Qd5+ *(35.Qxe7? Qg2#)* 35...Qxd5 36.Rxd5 gxf4]

35.Re4

[35.fxg5 Bh3 *(35...Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Qf3+ 37.Kg1 Bh3 38.Qd5)* 36.Qd5 Qf2+ *(36...Bxf1? 37.Qxf3 Rxf3 38.Rxf1+-)* 37.Kh1 Re4 *(37...Bxf1? 38.Rf4+-)* 38.Ra8+ Kg7]

35...Bh3

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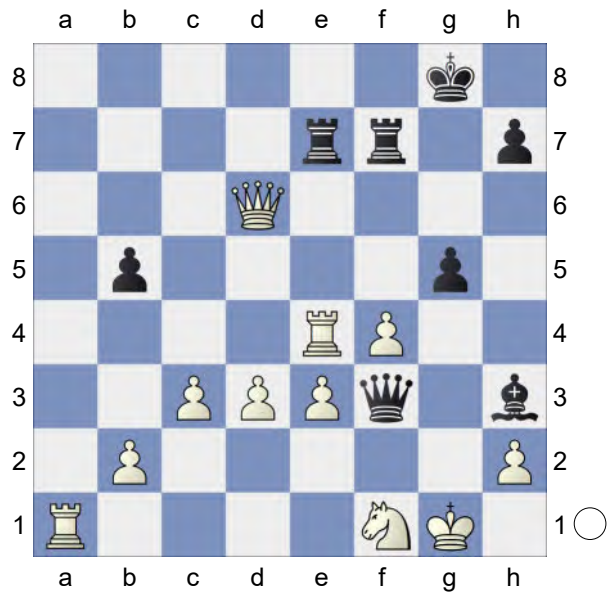
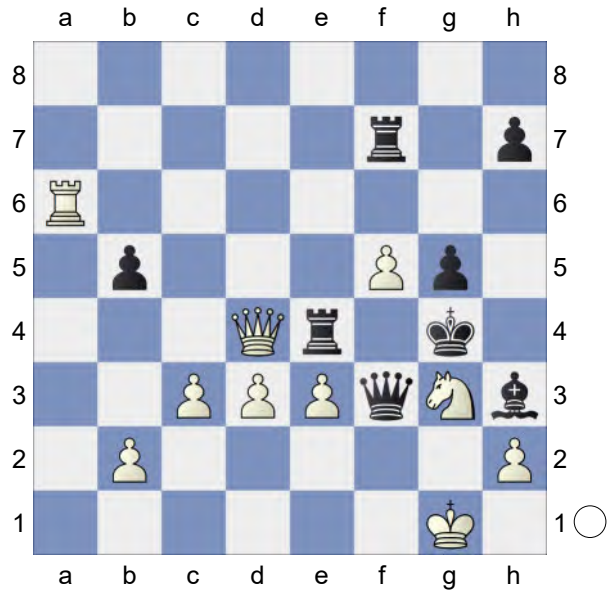
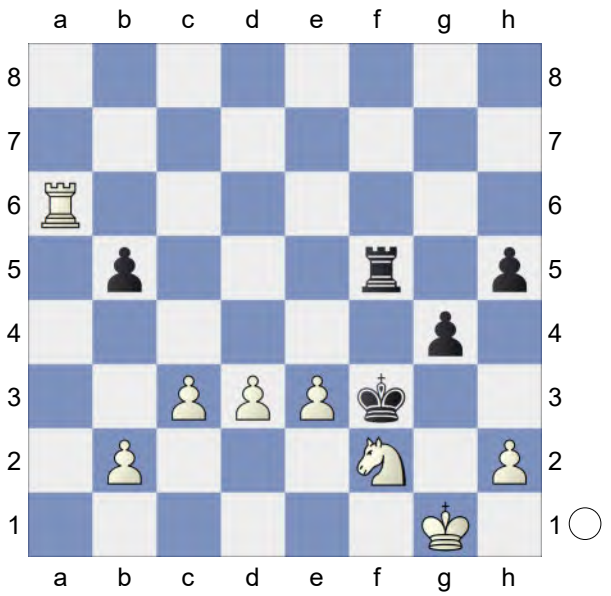


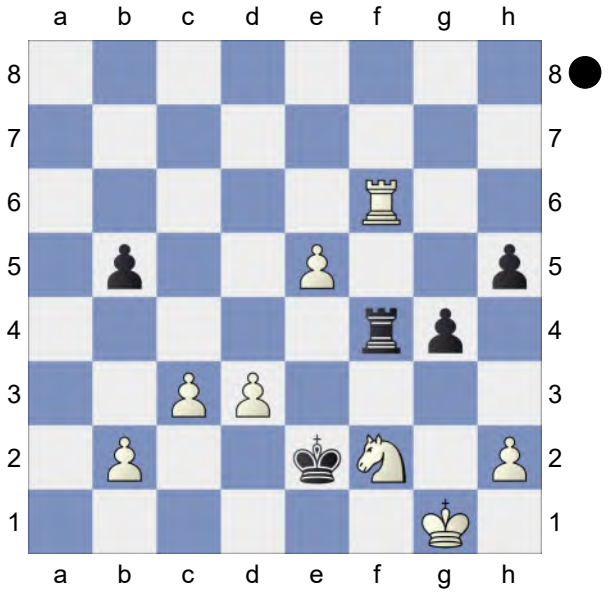
36.Ra8+
[36.Rxe7? Qg2#]
36...Kg7 37.Qd4+ White is clearly winning.
[37.fxg5? Qxf1#]
37...Kg6 38.Ra6+
[Less strong is 38.Rg8+ Kh5 39.Ng3+ *(39.Rxg5+? loses. Kh4-+)* 39...Kh4 40.fxg5+ Bg4±]
38...Kh5 39.Ng3+ Kg4 40.f5+ Rxe4



41.Qxe4+ Qxe4 42.Nxe4 Rxf5
Endgame. KRB-KRN **43.Nf2+ Kf3**
44.Nxh3 g4 45.Nf2 h5



46.e4 Rf4 47.e5 Ke2 48.Rf6



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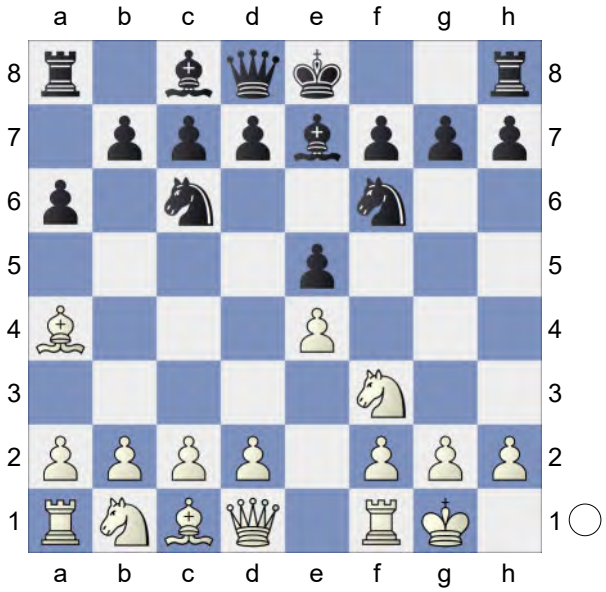
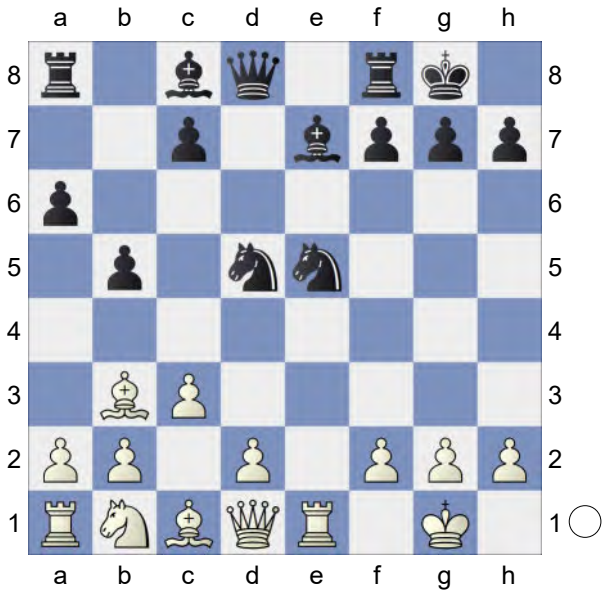
117 **C89**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2742**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (7) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

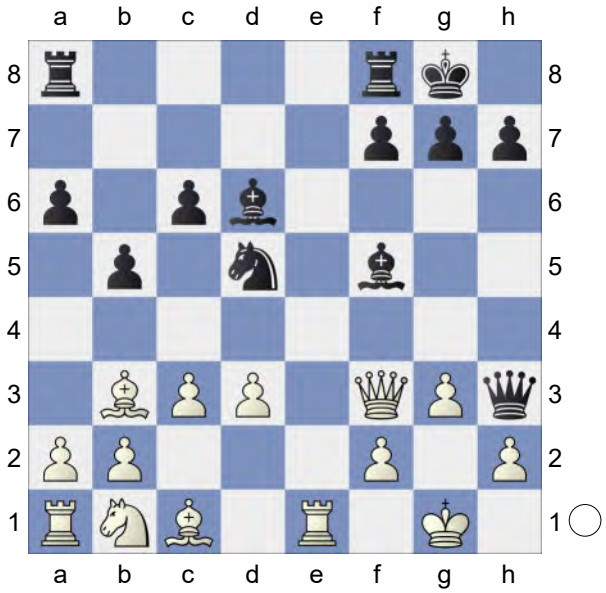
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



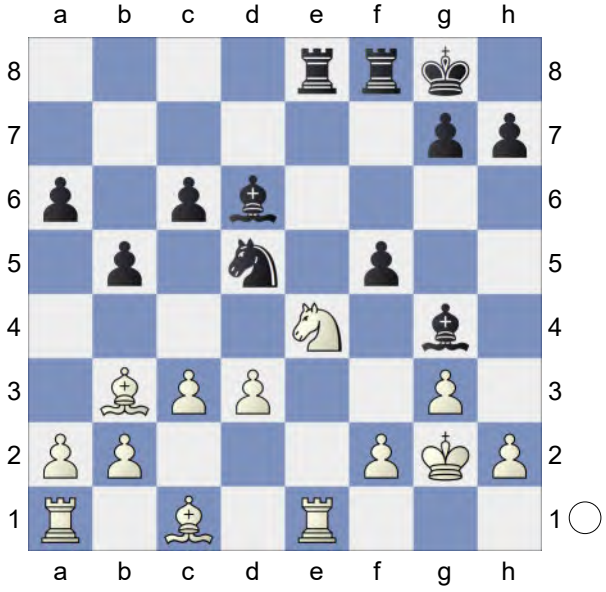
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



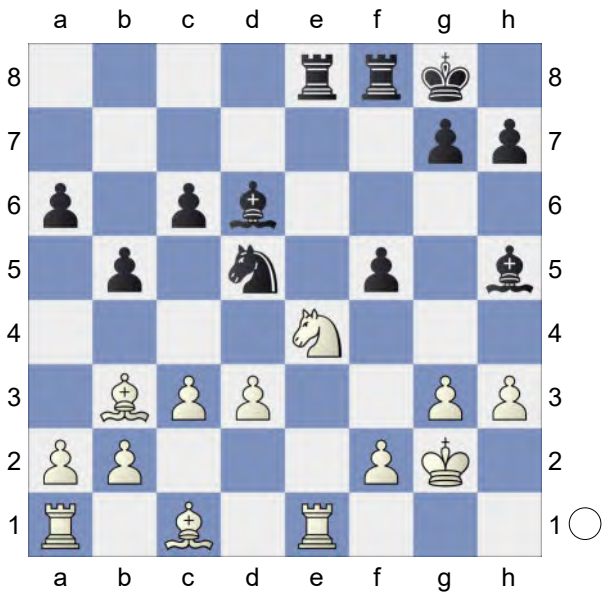
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Much worse is 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



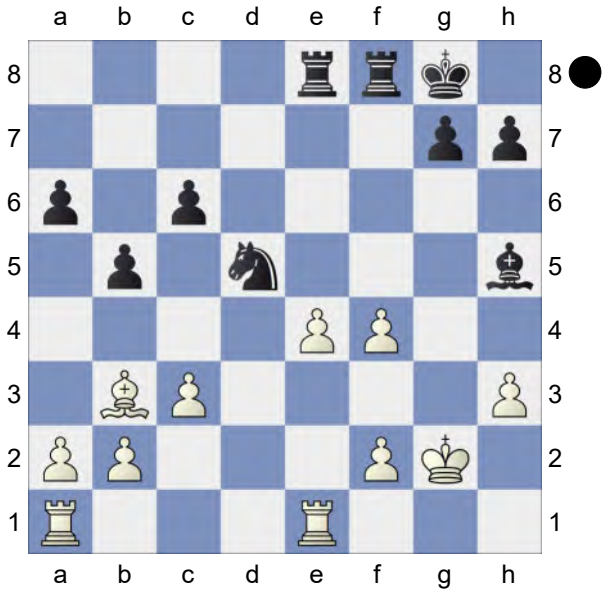
16.Nd2 16.Nd2 is the modern continuation. 16.Sd2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **16...Rae8** White has an edge. **17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5**



20.h3! Bh5
[Don't take 20...fxe4 21.hxg4 exd3 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Be3±]



21.Bf4! Bxf4 22.gxf4 aiming for Bxd5+. **22...fxe4 23.dxe4**



Pin **23...Bf3+! 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**

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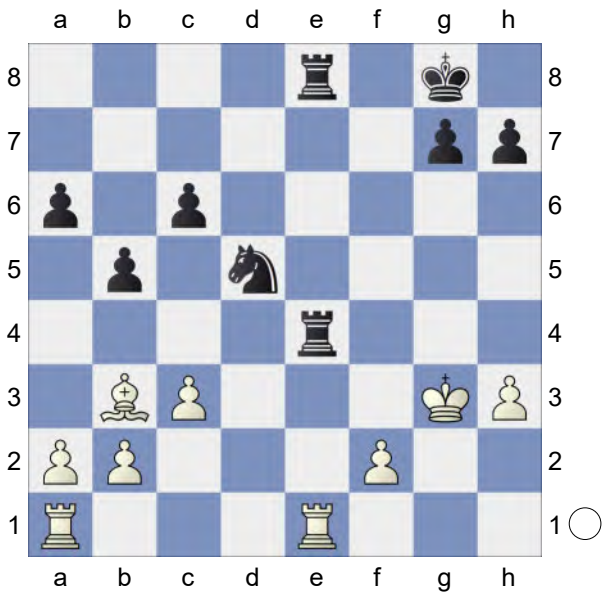
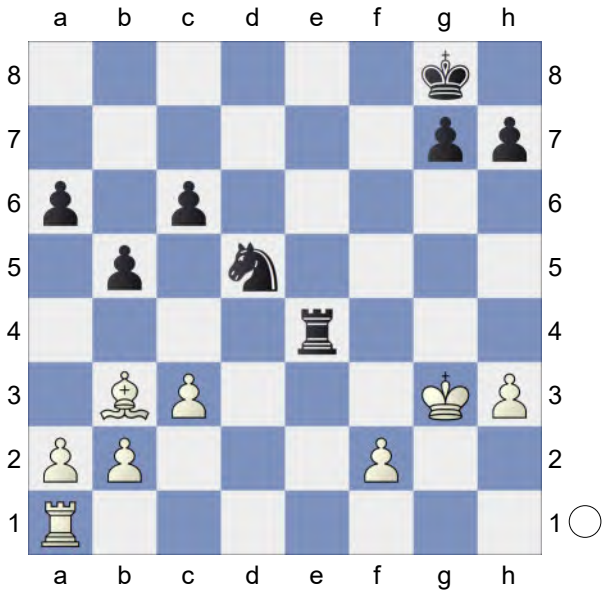


26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Kf3N -0.01/23

[Predecessor: 27.a4 Re2 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rd1 Rxb2 31.Rxd5 Rb3 32.f3 Rxc3 33.Rxb5 ½-½ Radjabov,T (2758)-Ding,L (2811) FIDE World Cup 2019 (7.1)]

[27.f3!± 0.31/25 Re5 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4]

27...Rf4+= The position is equal. **28.Kg3** Hoping for Bxd5+. **28...Re4 29.Kf3! Rf4+ 30.Kg3N** Strongly threatening Bxd5+. **30...Re4!**



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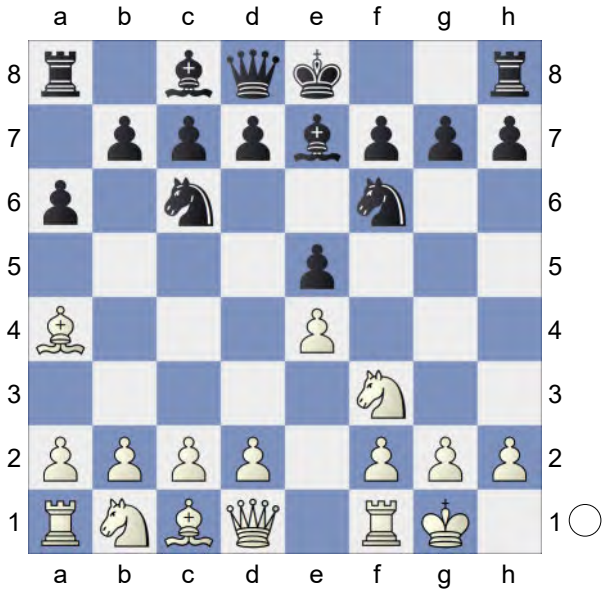
½-½

118 **C89**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2737**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
Danzhou 13th rapid (1) 12.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Sethuraman has been the talk of the tournament. After a disastrous start with 0/3, he scored 3 points in a row, drew the next and won again getting close to catching the leaders and sharing the first place. This game, unfortunately, was not going to end in his favor... **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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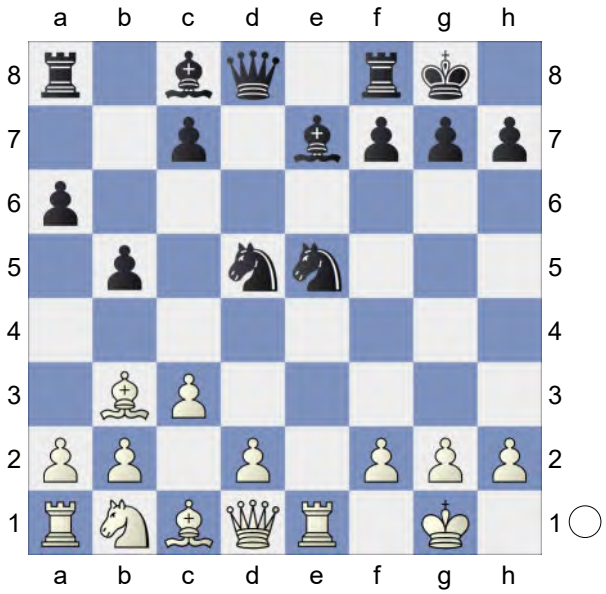
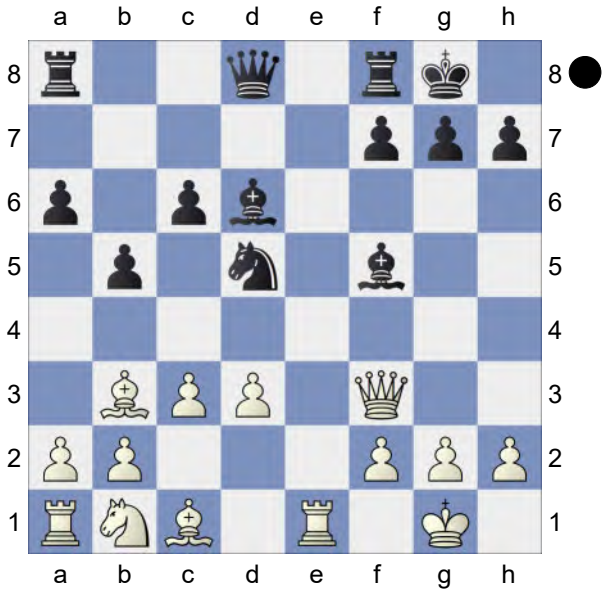


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3



Qh4! 0.35/22 **15.g3±**
[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3-+)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

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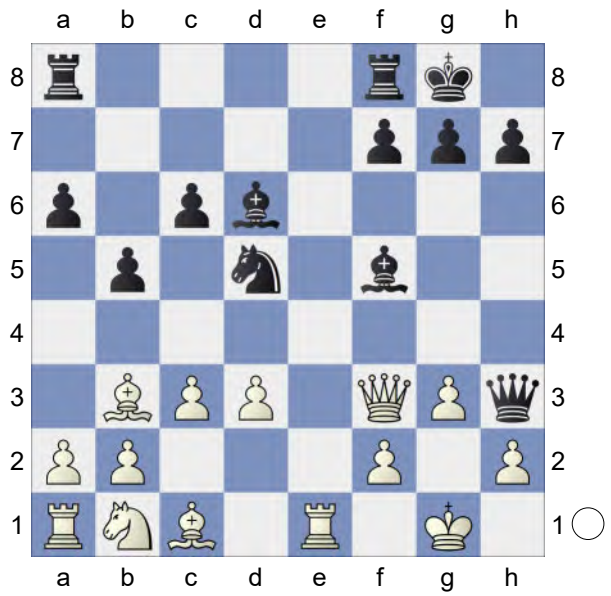
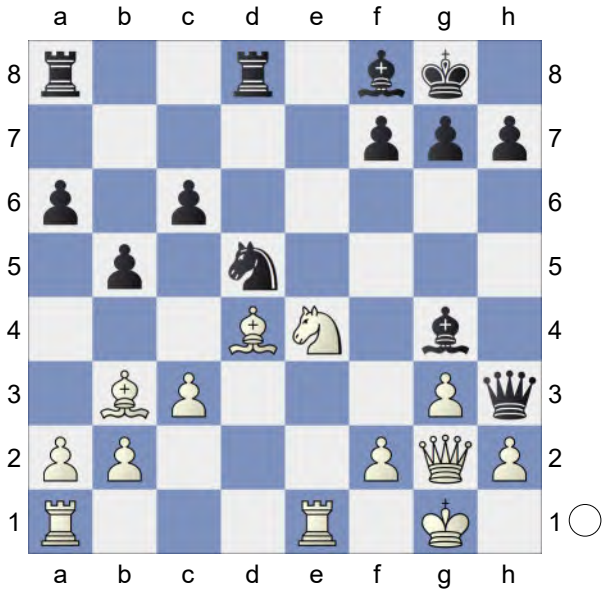


16.Be3 0.19/20
[16.Nd2± 0.55/22]
16...Bxd3= 17.Nd2 Bf5! now scores much better than the old 17...Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 17...Df5. now scores much better than the old 17... Qf5. punktet besser als das ältere 17... Df5. **18.Bd4**
[18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 b4 22.Bd4 Bf8 *(22...bxc3 23.Bxc3 Be6 24.Ne4 Bf8 25.a3 h6 26.Re3 Rac8 27.Rae1 Rc6 28.f3 Be7 29.h4 Rd5 30.R1e2 h5 31.Nf2 Bc5 32.Re5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Bxa3 34.Rxh5 Be7 35.Ra5 Bc4 36.Ra4 f6 37.Ng4* 1-0 Sarana,A (2664)-Sethuraman,S (2634) Saint Louis A 2019*)* 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Bb6 Rdb8 25.Ba5 bxc3 ½-½ Navara,D (2703)-Vitiugov,N (2751) Hamburg (m/1) 142/(126) 2019]
18...Bg4N
[Predecessor: 18...Rfd8 19.a4 Hoping for a4xb5. Bg4 20.Qe4 And now a4xb5 would win. *(20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Be6 22.Ne4 Nxc3 23.Bxe6 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 fxe6* Marshall 12. d3-15. g3,1*)* 20...Rac8 21.Nf3 Strongly threatening a4xb5. Bf5 22.Ng5 Bxe4 23.Nxh3 Bf5 24.Ng5 Bf8 25.axb5 axb5 ½-½ (42) Dominguez Perez,L (2760)-Burke,J (2554) Saint Louis 2021]
[18...Rfe8 19.c4 Bg4 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Nb4 22.Ne4 Bf8 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Ng5 Bh5 25.g4 Bg6 26.f4 Nc2 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Rd1 Nxd4 29.Rxd4 Be7 30.Nf3 Bb1 31.Nd2 Bf6 32.Rd7 Be4+ 33.Nxe4 1-0 So,W (2788)-Onischuk,A (2665) ch-USA 2015 Saint Louis USA (7.3)]
19.Qg2 Rfd8 20.Ne4
[20.Qxh3 simplifies Bxh3 21.Ne4 Bf8 22.Bc2]
20...Bf8



21.Bd1 h6 22.Qxh3 Bxh3 23.Bf3 Rac8 24.Rad1 c5 25.Be5 Be6

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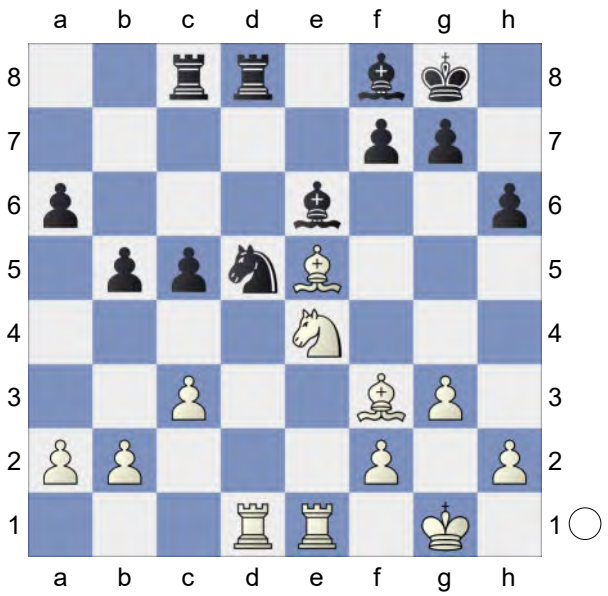
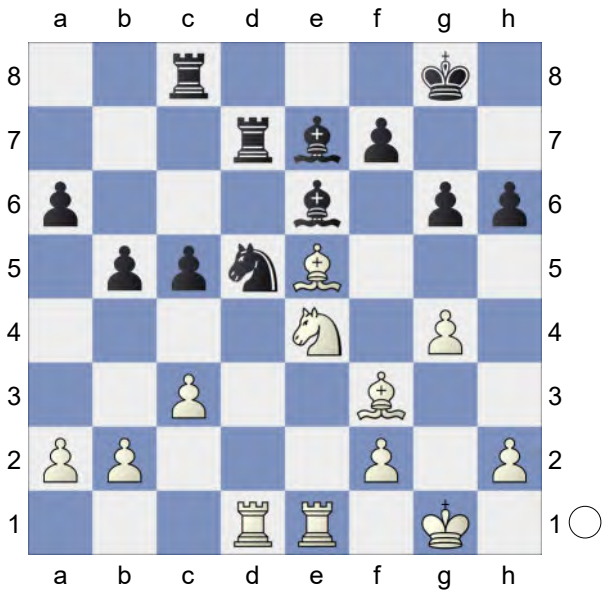


26.g4 Be7! Prevents h2-h4 **27.Ng3 g6 28.Ne4 Rd7**

[28...g5!?]



29.h4! Rcd8

[29...Bxh4? 30.Nd6 Rcd8 31.Bxd5+-]

30.g5 hxg5

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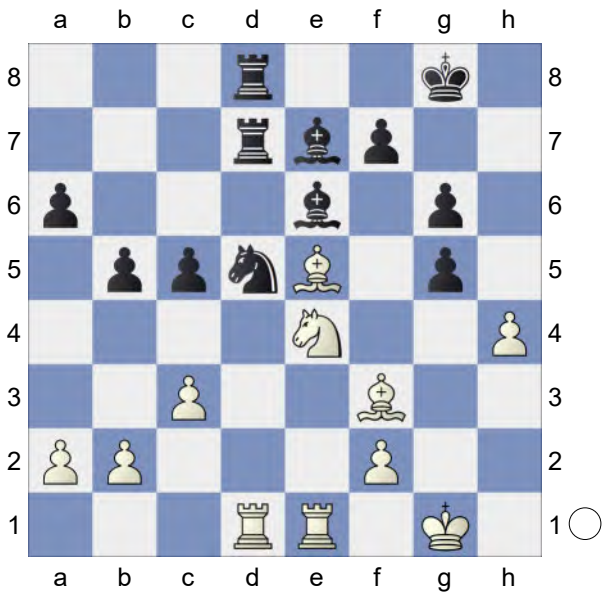
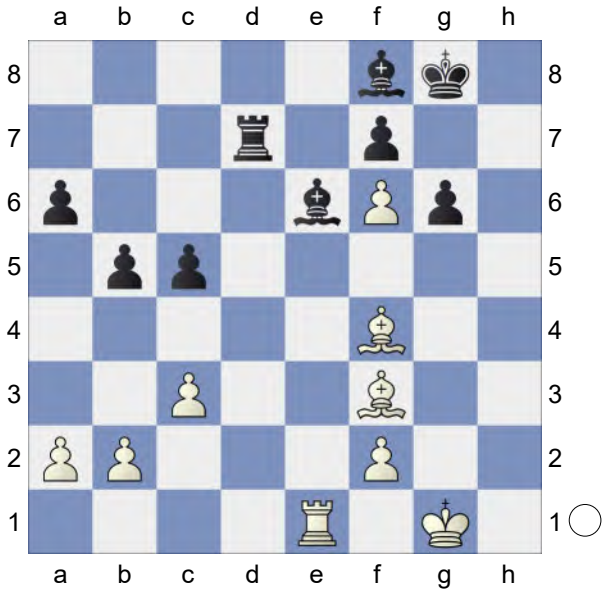


31.hxg5 Bf5! 32.Nf6+ Nxf6 33.gxf6 Bf8 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Bf4 Be6



36.Bc6 Rd3 0.49/21

[36...Rd8= 0.12/23 is superior.]

37.Be4 Rd7

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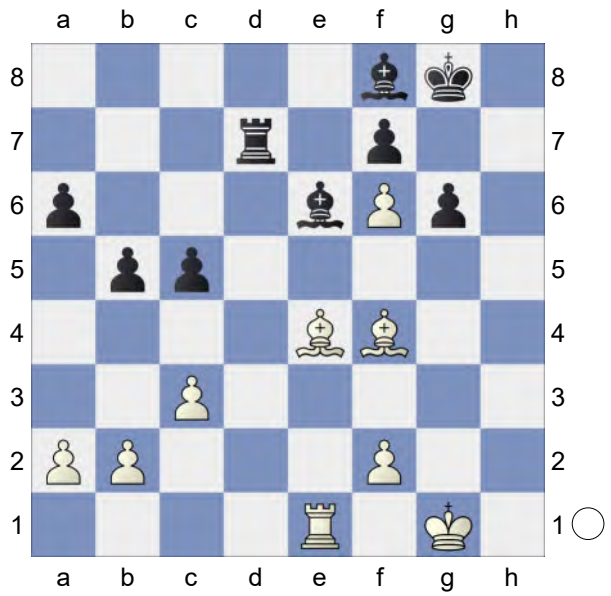
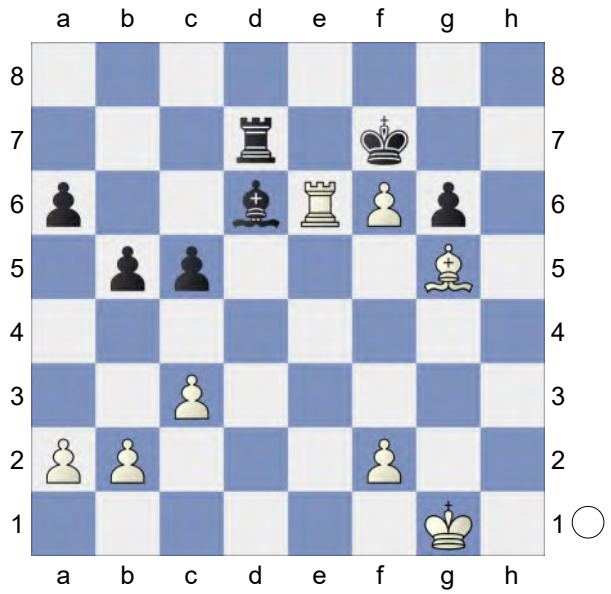


38.Bxg6! Deflection **38...Bd6!** **39.Bg5 fxg6** **40.Rxe6±** Endgame. KRB-KRB **40...Kf7**



Prevents Re6-e8. **41.Re4** **Bc7!** **42.Rh4 Ke6** **43.Re4+** -0.01/25 **Kf7!=** **44.Rh4** -0.01/25

[44.b3± 0.64/23]

44...Ke6! **45.Rh8±** 0.81/23 **Kf5**

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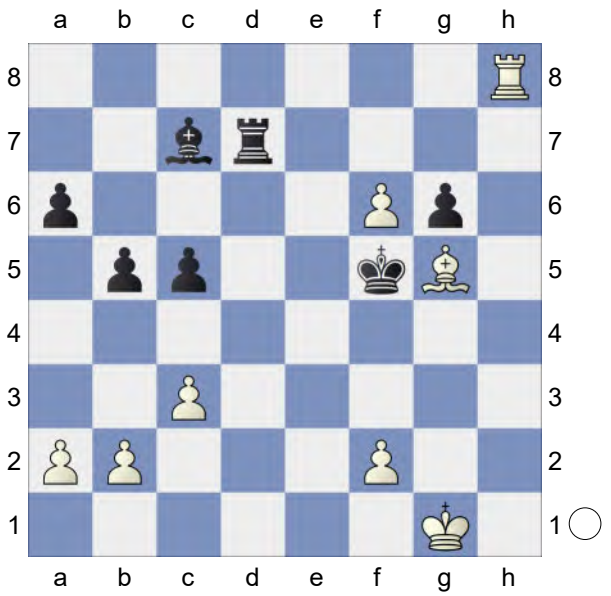


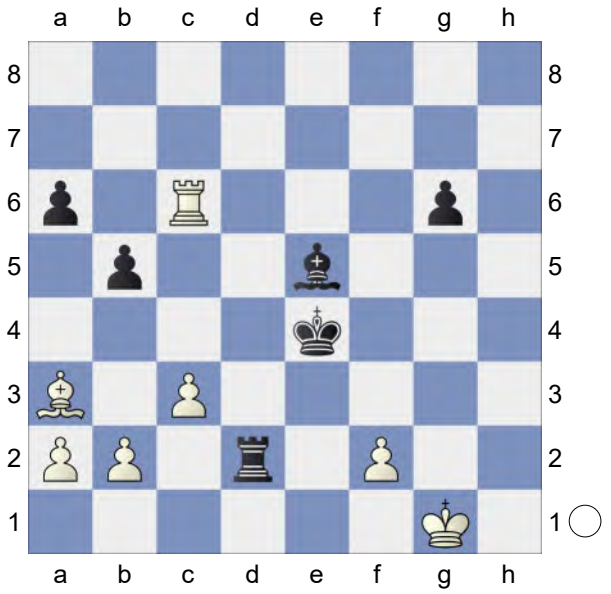
46.Be3 **Kxf6** **47.Bxc5** 0.32/24

[47.Kg2± 1.03/23]

47...Rd2± **48.Rc8** 0.01/24

[48.Ra8± 0.49/23]

48...Be5= **49.Rc6+** **Kf5** **50.Ba3** **Ke4**



(-> ...Ke4-f3) **51.Kg2**

[51.Rxa6 Kf3]

51...g5 **52.Rg6** **b4** 0.37/25 **53.Bxb4±**

[53.cxb4 Kf4∓]

53...Rxb2 **54.a4** **Bf4** **55.Rxa6** Ra6-a8 would now be deadly. **55...g4**

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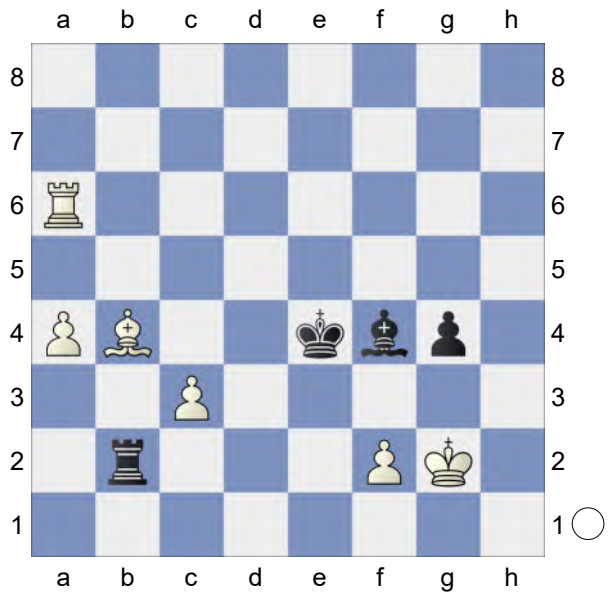


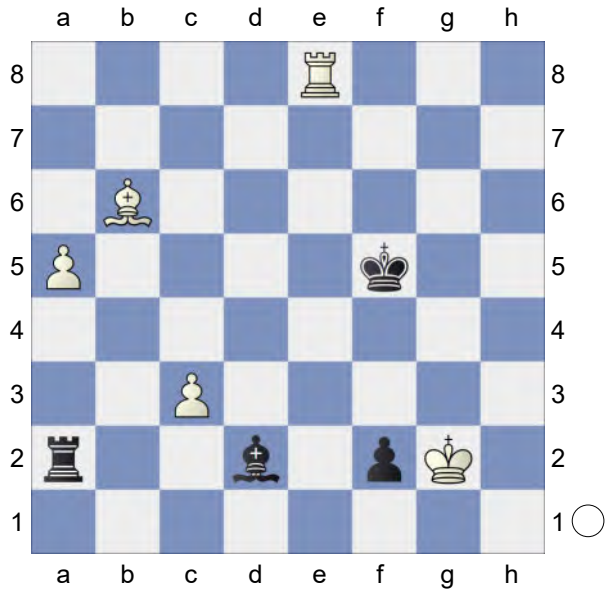
56.Re6+ Kf5 57.Re8 Threatens to win with a4-a5. **57...g3 58.Bc5** aiming for a4-a5. **58...Ra2** 0.47/25

[58...gxf2= 0.07/26 59.a5 *(59.Bxf2 Bg5=)* 59...f1R+ 60.Kxf1 Ra2]

59.Bb6 gxf2 60.a5

[60.Bxf2 Be5=]

60...Bd2



61.Rf8+ 0.01/25

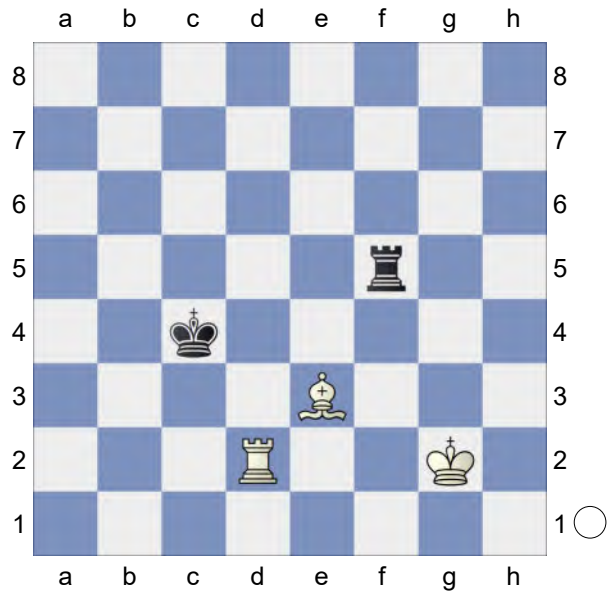
[61.Bd4!± 0.45/23 should be considered.]

61...Ke4= 62.Rxf2 Kd3 63.c4 Kxc4 0.66/27

[63...Bxa5= 0.00/24 64.c5 *(64.Rxa2 Bxb6 65.Ra4 Kc3=)* 64...Rxf2+ 65.Kxf2 Kc4]

64.Be3± Rxa5 65.Rxd2 KRB-KR

65...Rf5



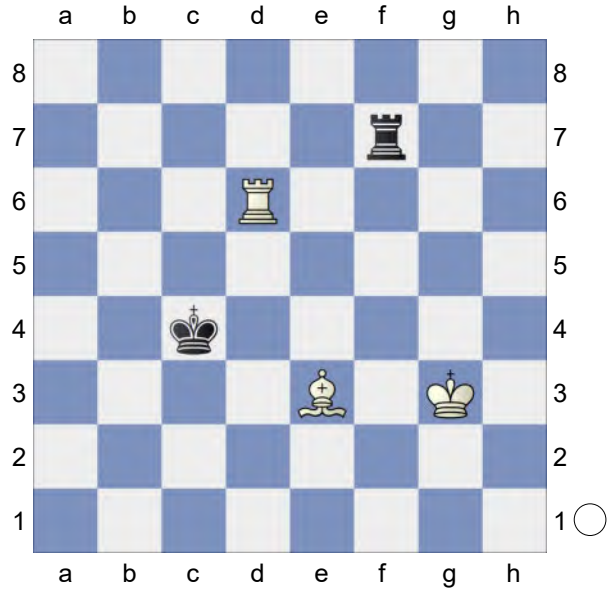
66.Bf2 Rf4 67.Kg3

[67.Rc2+ Kd3 68.Rc5 Rc4±]

67...Rf5 68.Rd4+ Kc3 69.Be3 Rf7

[69...Rg5+? 70.Kf3+-]

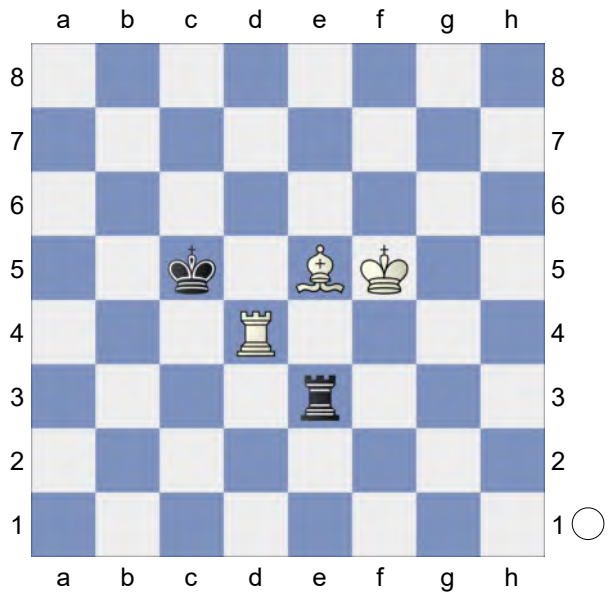
70.Rd6 Kc4



71.Bf4 Re7 72.Kg4 Re1

[Don't blunder 72...Rg7+? 73.Bg5+-]

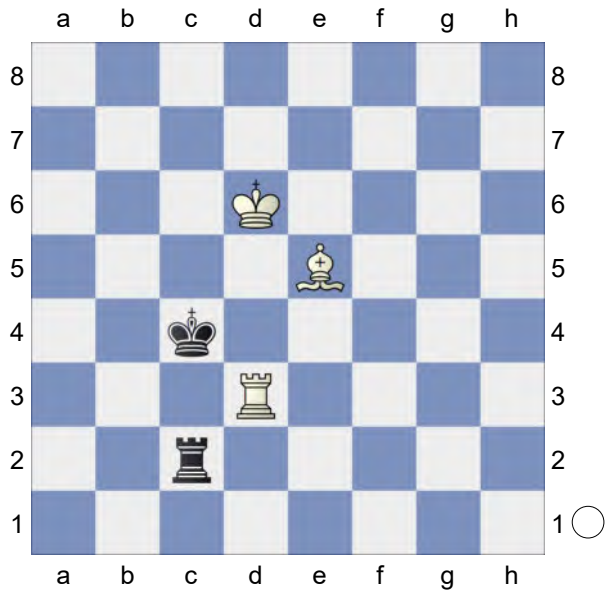
73.Kf5 Re2 74.Be5 Re3 75.Rd4+ Kc5



76.Ke6 Re2 77.Rd3 Rc2 78.Rd5+ Kc4 79.Kd6

[79.Rd4+ Kc5 80.Rd3 Kc4+-]

79...Kb3 80.Rd3+ Kc4



81.Rd4+ Kc3 82.Kc5 Rd2 83.Rg4+ Kd3 84.Kd5 Re2 85.Bd4 Kd2

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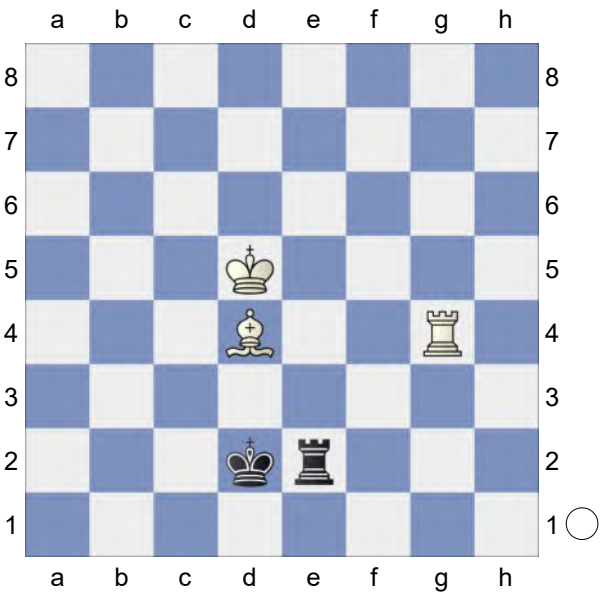
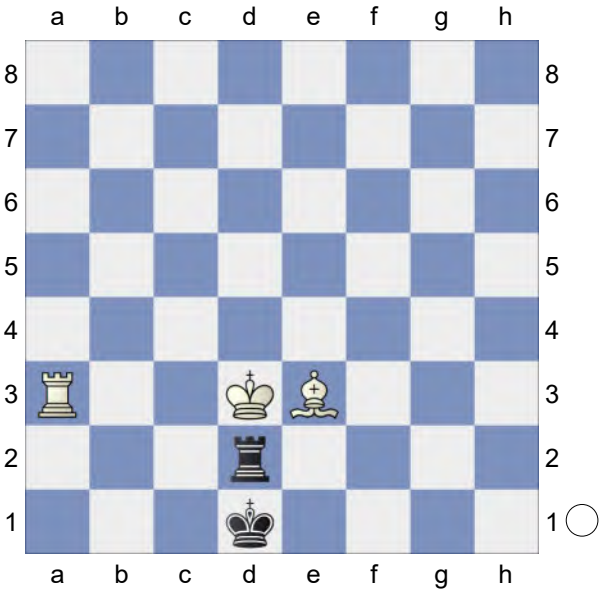


86.Rg3 Kc2 87.Kc4 Kd2 88.Ra3 Kc2 89.Be3 Kd1 90.Kd3 Rd2+



91.Ke4 Rb2 92.Ra1+ Ke2 93.Rg1

White threatens Rg1-g2+ and mate.

93...Rc2 94.Rg2+

[94.Kd4 Rc6 95.Rg2+ Kf3 96.Rf2+ Kg4+-]

94...Kd1 95.Rxc2 0.00/94

[95.Rg5± 0.60/27]

95...Kxc2

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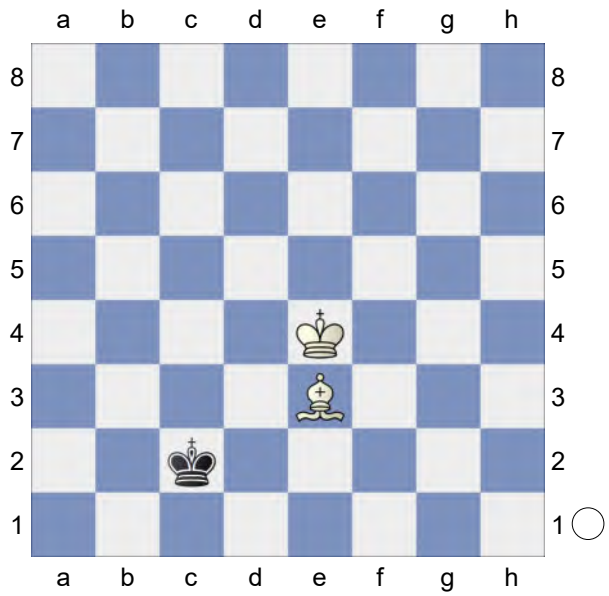

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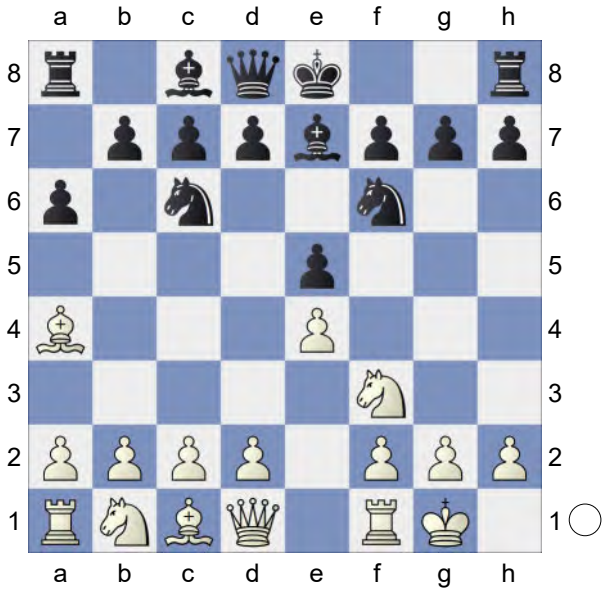
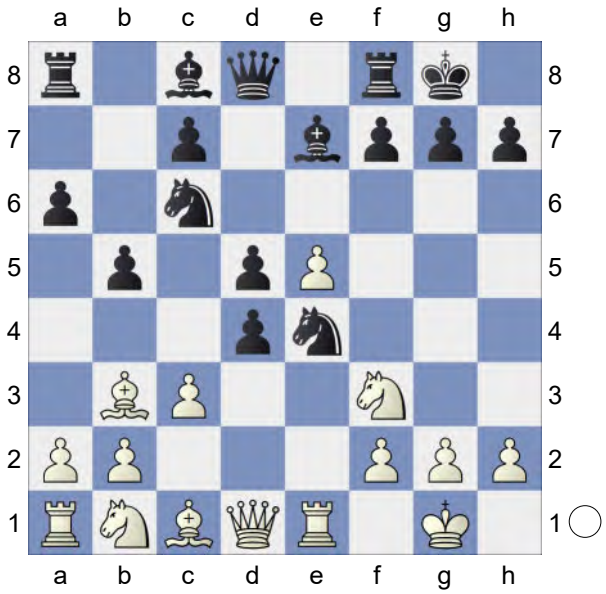
119 **C89**
□ **Sasikiran,Krishnan** **2678**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2599**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A 18th (2) 21.02.19
[Sasikiran,Krishnan]

1.e4 Sasikiran,Krishnan, MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Ne4



11.cxd4 Bg4!?

[11...Bf5!? is the main line. 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Na5 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Bg5∞ is a huge theoretical line in correspondence games and compared to the game Black has an extra move.]

[11...Na5 12.Bc2 f5 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nc4 16.h3± Stopping Bg4 ideas.]

12.Nc3 Nxc3

[12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3

A) 14...Na5 15.Bc2 f5 16.exf6

A1) 16...Bxf6 17.Kh1! Despite the weakened kingside White's attack will gain strength after f4-f5. Nc4 *(17...Bg5?? 18.Qd3 g6 19.Rg1 Bxc1 20.Rxg6++-)* 18.f4±;

A2) 16...Rxf6 17.Kh1±;

B) 14...f5! 15.Kh1 *(15.exf6 Rxf6∞)* 15...Na5 16.Rg1!? Kh8 *(16...Nxb3 17.axb3 Kh8 18.b4!?)* 17.Qd3∞ corr. 2017]

[12...Bb4? 13.Nxe4! Bxe1 14.Neg5±]

13.bxc3 Qd7 14.Bc2!? The bishop has nothing to do on b3 and is switched to a more active diagonal. **14...Bf5!?**

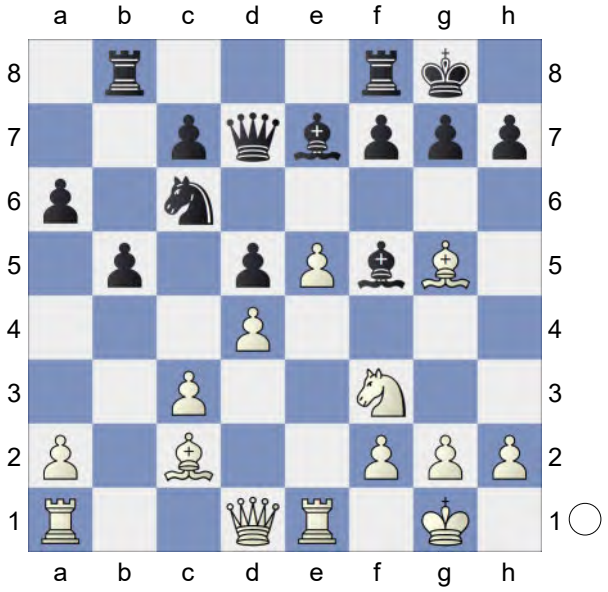
[14...Rfe8 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qd1!? keeping d4 protected just in case. Nd8 *(16...Bf5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.h3!; 16...b4 17.Ba4!±* is annoying.*)* 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Ne6 19.Be3±]

[14...Nd8 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Qe3±]

15.Bg5!? The exchange of the dark-coloured bishops is in White's favour as the c5 break becomes difficult to achieve. **15...Rab8!?** Not a bad move but definitely a step in the wrong direction. Black needs to get in c5 quickly to achieve equality.

[15...Bxc2! 16.Qxc2 Nd8!

immediately relocating the knight. 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.a4 Ne6 19.Qa2 Rad8 20.Reb1 c6 21.Ne1 c5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Nf3 Qd7 24.Qa7 Qxa7 25.Rxa7 Rb8=]



16.Bxe7!? Aimed with a clear strategic plan of getting a better pawn structure on the queenside.

[16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.a4 was played in a correspondence game in 2010. b4= should be enough for equality.]

16...Nxe7?! The knight is somewhat misplaced here and is much better on e6.

[16...Bxc2 17.Qxc2 Qxe7!? *(17...Nxe7 18.e6 fxe6 19.Ng5±)* 18.g3 Nd8 19.Nh4 Ne6 20.Nf5 Qd7 21.Qd2±]

17.Nd2! Aiming for c5 square and freeing the f-pawn.

[17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.g3 was played in a game between two engines in 2017 although here too Nd2-b3 is the most natural plan]

17...Bxc2

[17...Ng6!? 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Nb3 Rb6 20.Re3 Rather than an attacking move, this is more of defensive resource against Nf4-Rg6. Nf4 21.Qf3 Rg6 22.g3 Nh3+ 23.Kg2 Qxf3+ 24.Rxf3 Ng5 25.Rd3± With the a4 break available next, this endgame is more pleasant for White.]

18.Qxc2 Rb6

[18...Ng6!? 19.Nb3 Nf4 20.Qd2 Qf5 21.Re3!±]

19.Nb3! The principled reaction restraining the c5 break.

[19.Re3!? Ng6 20.Nb3 Nf4 21.Rae1 Rg6 22.Rg3 Ne6=]

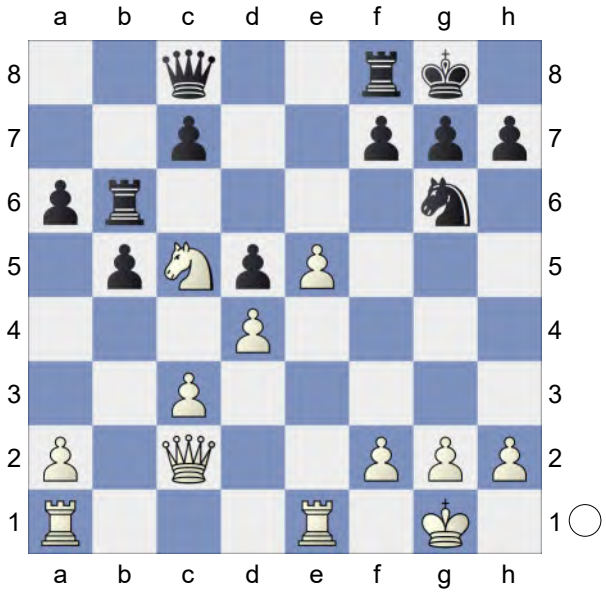
19...Ng6?!

[19...Rg6 20.Nc5 Qg4 21.f3 Qh5 22.Qf2 Nf5 23.g4 Qh3 24.Nd3!± White forces Black's pieces to retreat as there are no pawn units involved in Black's attack.]

[19...Qf5!? The endgame was probably Black's best although here too White has the much better pawn structure. 20.Qd2!?± *(20.Qxf5 Nxf5 21.Rac1!±)*]

20.Nc5! Qc8

[20...Qg4 21.f3! Qc8 22.a4±]



21.Qd2!? One of the toughest moves of the game simply because of the wide choice available to increase the advantage.

[21.g3!? Qh3 22.Re3!±]

[21.Qd1!? a5 *(21...Nf4 22.Qf3 Qf5 23.g3 Nh3+ 24.Kg2 Qxf3+ 25.Kxf3±)* 22.Re3±]

21...Re8

[21...Nh4 22.Re3! Rg6 23.Rg3! After the exchange of rooks the counterplay is gone. Qf5 *(23...Nf5 24.Rxg6 hxg6 25.a4+-)* 24.Qe2±]

[21...Qg4 22.h3 Qh4 23.Re3!±]

22.a4!? Not the best, but I wanted to activate the rook on a1.

[22.Re3!? This allows Black to challenge the c5 knight without any concession. Nf4 23.Rg3 Ne6 24.Rd1 Nxc5 25.dxc5 Rbe6 26.f4 f6! 27.Qxd5 c6 28.Qd7 Qxd7 29.Rxd7 g6 30.Rh3 R6e7 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.exf6 Rf7 33.Rd3 Rxf6 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Rc8 Rxf4 36.Rxc6 Rc4=]

[22.f4! Qf5 23.Rf1± and black's pieces are not co-ordinated.]

22...Nf8?! This leads to a passive position.

[22...a5! creating an outside passer. 23.axb5 Rxb5 24.f4 Qg4 *(24...Qf5 25.Qd3 Qxd3 26.Nxd3±)* 25.Rf1 Reb8 26.h3 Qg3 27.Qd3 Qxd3 28.Nxd3± Although endgame is unpleasant for Black,there is lot of fight left.]

23.axb5

[23.f4!? The comp recommends this and sees an additional possibility. Qf5 24.a5 Rh6 *(24...Rg6 25.Rf1±)* 25.e6! Rhxe6 *(25...Nxe6 26.Re5+-)* 26.Nxa6!+- Huge surprise as the a-pawn is unstoppable.]

23...axb5 24.f4 Qf5

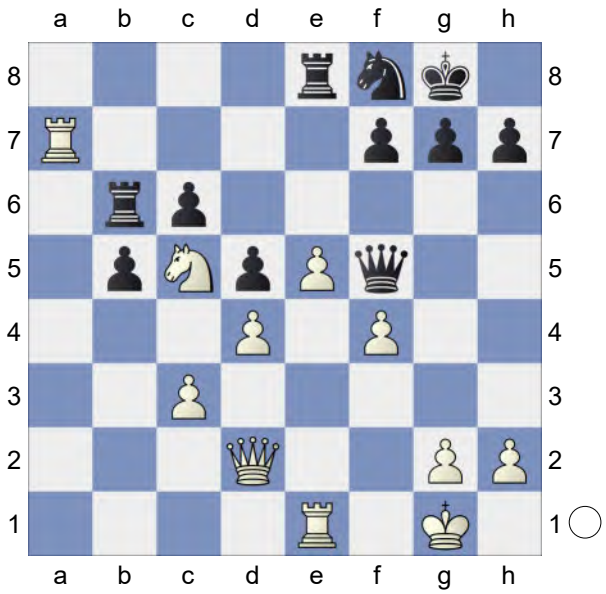
[24...Ng6 25.Rf1 Ne7 26.Nd3±]

25.Ra7?! Not the most accurate as now Black gets a chance to get out of the bind with a pawn sacrifice.

[25.Rf1!? Ne6 26.Na6 Ra8 27.Nb4±]

25...c6?! Now it is just one way traffic as White's pieces are far better placed than their counterparts.

[25...Ne6! 26.Nxe6 *(26.g3!?)* 26...fxe6 27.Rxc7 b4 28.cxb4 Reb8 29.Qe3 *(29.h3 Rxb4 30.g4 Qf8 31.Rec1* With the pawns on one side of the board and only major pieces remaining, i am not sure White is winning at all.*)* 29...Rxb4 30.Qg3 Qg6 31.Rf1!±]



26.Qd3! The endgame is horrible for Black with such a pawn structure.

26...Qg4

[26...Qxf4 27.Rf1+-]

27.h3 Qh4 28.Rf1 Finally aiming for f5.

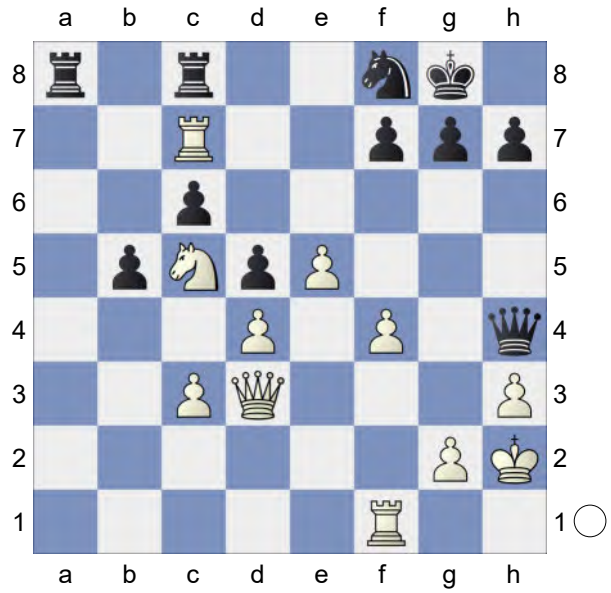
[28.Rea1!?]

28...Rbb8

[28...b4 29.Qf5! f6 *(29...Re7 30.Ra8+-)* 30.Nd7+-]

29.Kh2!? A safety move just in case as

time trouble was approaching.
[29.f5 Ra8 30.Rfa1 Rxa7 31.Rxa7+-]
29...Ra8
[29...Re7 30.g3+-]
30.Rc7! Of course it is better to exchange on c8 as Black needs one more tempo to reach the a-file.
30...Rec8



31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.f5 Re8
[32...Ra8 33.f6! Ne6 *(33...Ra2 34.fxg7+-)* 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.fxg7+-]
33.Qe3! Getting ready to push the black queen from it's active position on h4 with Rf4. **33...h6**
[33...Ra8 34.f6! g6 35.e6! Nxe6 36.Nxe6 Re8 37.Qf4+-]
34.Rf4 Qg5 35.h4! Qh5
[35...Qe7 36.f6 gxf6 37.Qg3+ Ng6 38.Rxf6+-]

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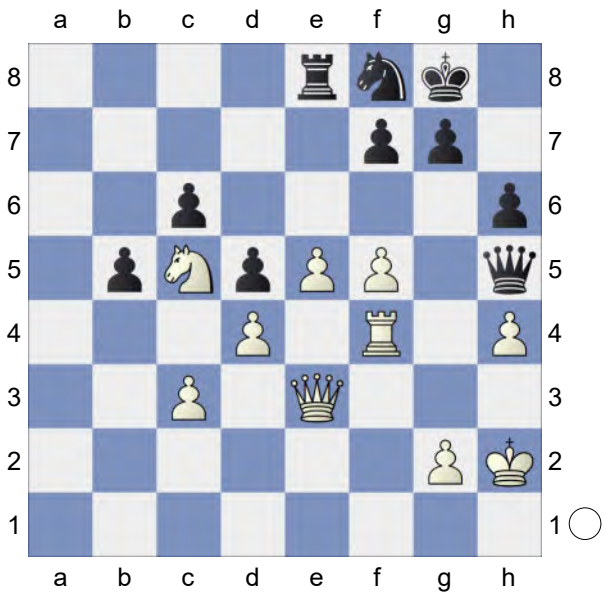

36.Qe1! Covering all entry points and threatening to trap the queen with g4.
36...f6 37.e6 Now I knew I was winning and only needed not to mess anything up in time trouble. **37...Re7 38.Qg3! Kh7**
[38...g5 39.Rf1+-]
39.Rf3! Clearing the way for the queen to enter. **39...Ra7 40.Nd3!?**
A safe move to finish the time control.
[40.Qd6!? Qxh4+ 41.Rh3 Qe1 42.Qxf8 Ra1 43.Rxh6+! gxh6 44.Qf7+ Kh8 45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qxh6+ Kg8 48.Qg6+ Kh8 49.Qxf6+ Kh7 50.Qg6+ Kh8 51.Qh6+ Kg8 52.Qg5+ Kh8 53.Nd3+-]
[40.Re3 Re7 41.Qf4+-]
40...Qe8

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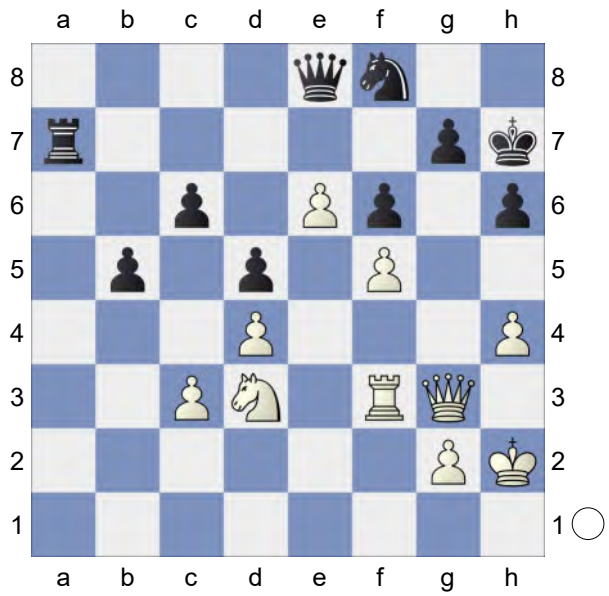


41.Qd6! Before getting Nf4 the white queen enters. **41...g6** Desperation.

[41...Qe7 42.Qxc6+-]

42.fxg6+ Nxg6 43.Rxf6 Rg7

[43...Nxh4 44.Nf4!+-]

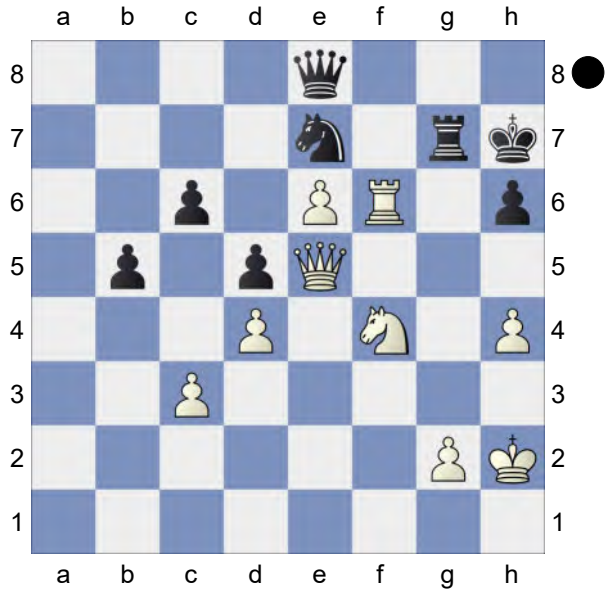
44.Nf4 Ne7

[44...Nxf4 45.Qxf4+-]

[44...Nxh4 45.Qe5 Rxg2+ 46.Nxg2+- covers the f3 square.]

45.Qe5

[45.Qe5 Qg8 46.Rxh6+ Kxh6 47.Qh5#+-]



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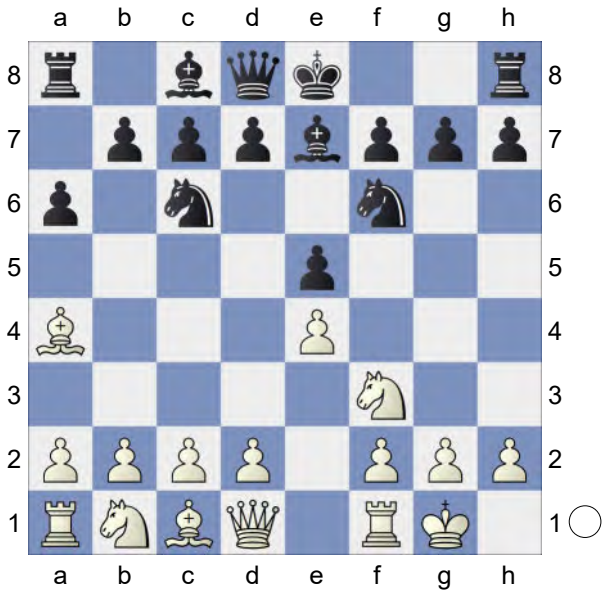
120 **C89**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2767**
■ **Tari,Aryan** **2633**
146/122 Stavanger 2020
[Tadic,Branko]

1.e4 Krasenkow,Michal Mikhalevski,V Mikhalevski,V Krasenkow,Michal Krasenkow,Michal Krasenkow,Michal Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko' **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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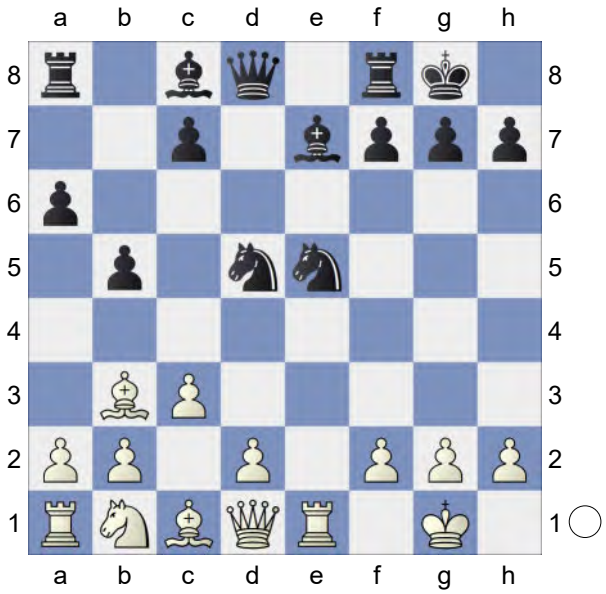

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.g3 Krasenkow,Michal: 'A tricky move order. White makes a useful move; he will play d2-d4 or d2-d3 later, depending on the situation.'Krasenkow,Michal: 'A tricky move order. White makes a useful move; he will play d2-d4 or d2-d3 later, depending on the situation.' **13...Bf5**

[Krasenkow,Michal: 'If'If 13...Qd7 Krasenkow,Michal Krasenkow,Michal: 'then' then 14.d3 Qh3 15.Re4 Krasenkow,Michal: 'transposing to the 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 line but avoiding 13... ♗f5 in that case.' transposing to the 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 line but avoiding 13... ♗f5 in that case.]

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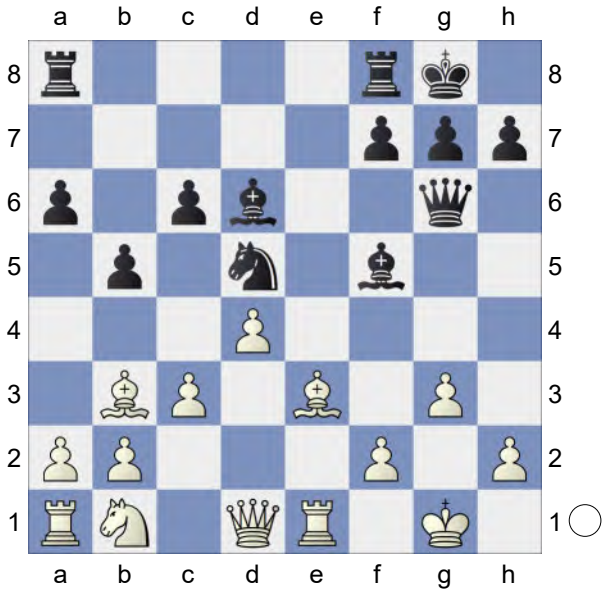
[Mikhalevski,V: 'Earlier Glenn Flear analysed the main line for you' Mikhalevski,V: 'Earlier Glenn Flear analysed the main line for you' 14...Qd7 Mikhalevski,V: 'Naiditsch,A (2654)-Gustafsson,J (2588) Dresden GER 2007 [Glenn Flear]' Mikhalevski,V: 'Naiditsch,A (2654)-Gustafsson,J (2588) Dresden GER 2007 [Glenn Flear]' Krasenkow,Michal: 'is played more often, with the usual continuation'Krasenkow,Michal: 'is played more often, with the usual continuation' 15.Be3 *(Krasenkow,Michal: 'or'or 15.Nd2 Krasenkow,Michal Rae8 16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.Nf1)* 15...Rae8 16.Nd2 Krasenkow,Michal: 'etc.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'etc.' Bg4 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko' 17.Qc2 Bf5 18.Qc1 Re7⩲ - 101/263]

15.Be3

[15.Qf3 (Mikhalevski,V) doesn't seem to make much sense as after Qg6]

15...Qg6



Mikhalevski,V: 'Black takes control of the light squares.' Mikhalevski,V: 'Black takes control of the light squares.'

16.Nd2 Diagram

[16.Qf3 (Mikhalevski,V) transposes to 15.Qf3 after Be4 17.Qe2 Mikhalevski,V Bd3 the queen will have to retreat to d1 in order to avoid a repetition. Mikhalevski,V: 'the queen will have to retreat to d1 in order to avoid a repetition.']

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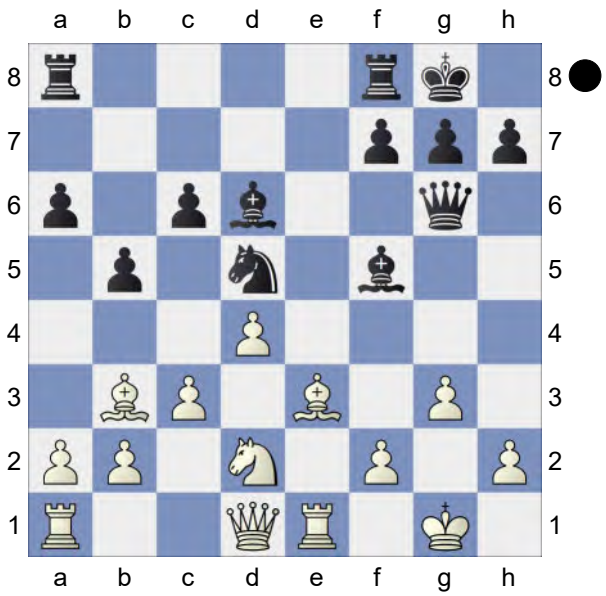


Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram [#]'' **16...Rae8N** Krasenkow, Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: 'N''

[Mikhalevski,V: 'The aforementioned preceding game saw' 16...Rfe8 17.Qf3 Krasenkow,Michal Rad8 18.a4 Mikhalevski,V: '?!' '?!' *(18.Bxd5!* Mikhalevski,V *cxd5 19.Qxd5 Bxg3 20.Qg2± was better.)* 18...b4 19.c4 Mikhalevski,V: '?!' '?!' Mikhalevski,V: 'and Black would have been fine in Hellers,F (2490)-Kuzmin,G (2475) Berlin West 1988 had he played' Mikhalevski,V: 'and Black would have been fine in Hellers,F (2490)-Kuzmin,G (2475) Berlin West 1988 had he played' Nxe3 *(19...Bg4!* Mikhalevski,V *20.Qg2 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 c5∓)* 20.Rxe3 c5 21.Rae1 Rf8?! *(21...Rxe3 22.Qxe3±)* 22.d5± 1-0 (52) Hellers,F (2490)-Kuzmin,G (2475) Berlin West 1988]

[Probably the immediate 16...Bg4!? (Mikhalevski,V) would be more accurate, as it would avoid a transfer of the white queen to g2.' 17.f3 *(17.Bc2 f5 18.f3 Bh3* is good for Black.*;* While after *17.Qb1 Bf5* White has nothing better than *18.Qd1)* 17...Bf5 18.Bf2 Rae8 with typical Marshall compensation.]

17.Qf3 Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!'

[The computer's Mikhalevski,V: 'The computer's' 17.Bxd5 Mikhalevski,V cxd5 18.Qb3 Be6 doesn't impress much, as the queen looks misplaced on b3. Mikhalevski,V: 'doesn't impress much, as the queen looks misplaced on b3.']

17...Bg4

[17...h5 (Krasenkow,Michal) 1-0 (47) Fernandez Cardoso,A (2445)-Marrero Lopez,Y (2242) Matanzas 2017 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 h4 20.Qg2 Krasenkow,Michal: '- the position is tense but still Black's compensation is hardly enough for two pawns.' - the position is tense but still Black's compensation is hardly enough for two pawns.]

18.Qg2 Qh5 Mikhalevski,V: 'We've just transposed to some old games. Black needs to protect the knight on d5.' Mikhalevski,V: 'We've just transposed to some old games. Black needs to protect the knight on d5.' **19.h4** Mikhalevski,V: 'Levon stops 19... Bh3, but the move may turn out to be too slow.' Mikhalevski, V: 'Levon stops 19...Bh3, but the move may turn out to be too slow.'

[19.a4!? Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski, V: 'used to be the main line.'

A) 19...Re6 Krasenkow,Michal 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra6 *(21.Ra5!?* (Mikhalevski,V) is also interesting. *)*

A1) 21...Bh3 Mikhalevski,V 22.Qf3 (This time *22.Bd1?* is a blunder, as the a1-rook left the back rank. Mikhalevski,V: 'is

a blunder, as the a1-rook left the back rank.' *Qxd1! 23.Rxd1 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Rxe3!-+)* 22...Bg4 23.Qh1 Bc7 24.Rxc6! *(24.Bxd5? cxd5* was equal in Mukhin, M-Faibisovich,V Kiev 1970. Mikhalevski,V: 'was equal in Mukhin,M-Faibisovich,V Kiev 1970.' *)* 24...Rxc6;

A2) 21...Nf4? Mikhalevski,V 22.gxf4 Bh3 in Schneider,R-Alvarez del Monte,J Tel Aviv 1964 could be refuted with the help of Mikhalevski,V: 'in Schneider,R-Alvarez del Monte,J Tel Aviv 1964 could be refuted with the help of' 23.Qxc6!

A2a) After 23...Rg6+ 24.Kh1 White obtains a lot of material for the queen. Bxf4 *(24...Bg2+ 25.Qxg2 Rxg2 26.Kxg2+-)* 25.Bxf4 Rxc6 26.Rxc6+-;

A2b) 23...Bxf4 24.Bxe6 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1! Bxe6 26.Qg2 Bf4+ 27.Kg1 Bh3 28.Bxf4 Bxg2 29.Kxg2+- with a decisive material advantage for White. Mikhalevski,V: 'with a decisive material advantage for White. ';

A3) 21...Bc7 22.Rxc6 Rxc6 23.Qxd5± Qxd5 Mikhalevski,V 24.Bxd5± with an advantage for White in the endgame. Mikhalevski,V: 'with an advantage for White in the endgame.';

B) 19...b4 Krasenkow,Michal Mikhalevski,V: '!'

B1) 20.Nc4 Mikhalevski,V Bc7 21.cxb4 Nxb4 22.Bd1 *(22.Bd2!?)* 22...Re6 yields Black compensation for the sacrificed pawn.;

B2) 20.c4 Bh3 Mikhalevski,V 21.Qf3 *(21.Bd1 Qh6! 22.Qf3 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 c5!* is fine for Black. *)* 21...Bg4 22.Qh1 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxe3 24.fxe3 c5 also looks good for Black.;

C) Mikhalevski,V: 'An attempt to worsen the position of White's queen by means of' Mikhalevski,V: 'An attempt to worsen the position of White's queen by means of' 19...Bh3 Mikhalevski,V: '?!' '?!' Mikhalevski,V: 'is strongly met by the standard' 20.Bd1 Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!' '!' '!' Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!' *(20.Qf3* Mikhalevski,V *Bg4 21.Qh1 b4* is what Black hoped for.*)* 20...Qf5 21.Qf3 Mikhalevski,V: '±' '±' Qd3 22.Bb3± Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko' *(22.Nb3±* Krasenkow,Michal *)*]

19...Be2 Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!' '!' '!'

[19...Re6? 20.Bxd5 cxd5 Krasenkow,Michal: '△' ' Δ' 'Δ' 'Δ' 21.f3 Bf5 22.g4+- Krasenkow,Michal: 'Chesspro.ru Tadic,Branko: '+-"]

20.Nf1

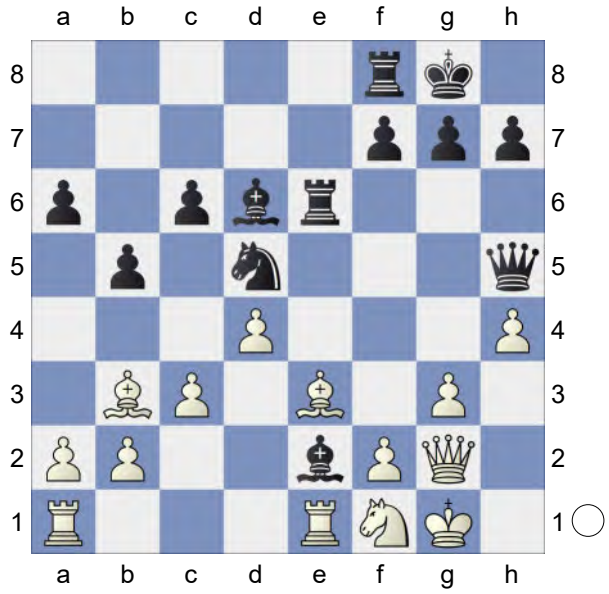
[20.Bd1 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko' Nxe3 21.fxe3 Bxd1 22.Raxd1 Rxe3 *(22...Re6!?)* 23.Ne4 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Bc7 25.Nc5 Qg4 26.Re3 Qc8!?=]

20...Re6

[Mikhalevski,V: 'Both' 20...Bf3 Krasenkow,Michal: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' Mikhalevski,V: '!?' '!?' 21.Bd1 Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!' '!' '!' Bxd1 22.Raxd1 f5⩲ Krasenkow,Michal: 'Chesspro.ru']

[and 20...h6 Mikhalevski,V 21.Bd2

Re6 look playable too.]



Mikhalevski,V: 'A logical doubling of rooks.' **21.Bd2 Rfe8 22.a4** Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'All of this is rather standard. White is trying to open the a-file and disturb Black with Ra6 at the appropriate moment.' Mikhalevski,V: 'All of this is rather standard. White is trying to open the a-file and disturb Black with Ra6 at the appropriate moment.'

[22.Ne3 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko' Nf4! 23.Qxc6= Krasenkow, Michal: '=' '=' Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: '='' Bf3 *(23...Nh3+ 24.Kg2 Nf4+ 25.Kg1=)* 24.g4! Bxg4 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Nf1 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 Rf6 28.Re8+ Bf8 29.Qc5 Rxf2+ 30.Kg3 Rf3+ 31.Kg2=]

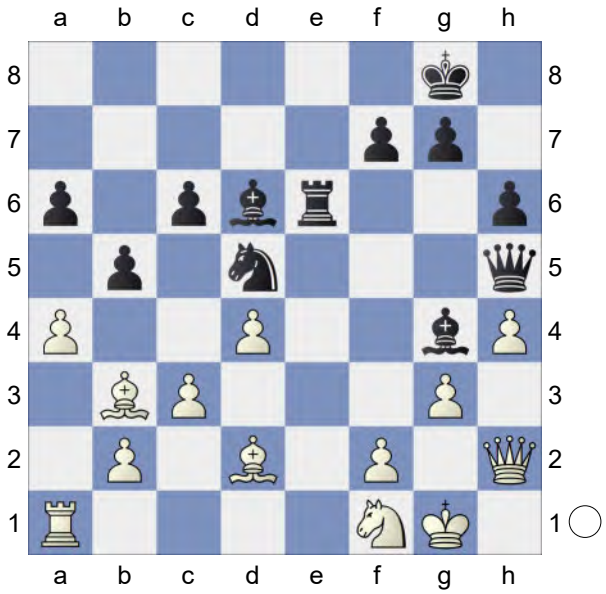
22...Bf3

[22...h6 (Mikhalevski,V) was logical. 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bc2 Bf3 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Qh3 Bg4 27.Qh2 Bf3 28.Ra8+ Bf8 and it's difficult for White to make progress.]

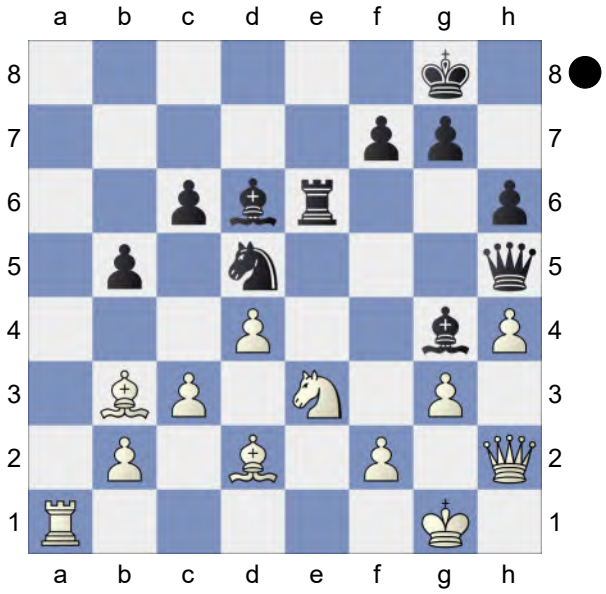
23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Qh3 Bg4 25.Qh2

[25.Qg2= Krasenkow,Michal]

25...h6



26.axb5 axb5 27.Ne3 Diagram



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live and saw Tari's coach Romanov instantly pointing out the correct, but not obvious, continuation to his student.' **27...Bf3?** Mikhalevski,V: 'Evgeny Romanov said that the queen shouldn't be allowed to h3 as then Black's position is not defendable and was right again.' Mikhalevski,V: 'Evgeny Romanov said that the queen shouldn't be allowed to h3 as then Black's position is not defendable and was right again.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'This move allows White to consolidate his position keeping an extra pawn.'Krasenkow,Michal: 'This move allows White to consolidate his position keeping an extra pawn.'

[27...Nxe3! Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko: '!'' Mikhalevski,V: '!!' '!!' Mikhalevski,V: 'This exchange sacrifice turns out to be fully justified. ' Mikhalevski,V: 'This exchange sacrifice turns out to be fully justified.' 28.Bxe6 *(28.Bxe3 Re7⩱ 29.Bc2* Mikhalevski,V *f5!* Here the bad position of the queen on h2 and his good control of the light squares promises Black sufficient compensation for a pawn. Mikhalevski, V: 'Here the bad position of the queen on h2 and his good control of the light squares promises Black sufficient compensation for a pawn.'*)* 28...Bxe6 29.Bxe3 *(29.fxe3* Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko' *Qg4 30.Be1 Bd5⩱)* 29...Qe2 Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'yields Black very good compensation thanks to the weak light squares.' Mikhalevski,V: 'yields Black very good compensation thanks to the weak light squares.' Krasenkow,Michal: ', and despite White's considerable material advantage, he will not be able to win, e.g.'Krasenkow,Michal: ', and despite White's considerable material advantage, he will not be able to win, e.g.'

A) 30.Qg2 Krasenkow,Michal Bd5 31.Qh3 Qxb2 *(31...Be6!? 32.Qf1 Qg4)* 32.Qf1 Qxc3⩱;

B) Krasenkow,Michal: 'or' Krasenkow,Michal: 'or' 30.b4 Bd5⩱ Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: '⩱'' 31.Qh3 Krasenkow,Michal Be6 32.Qf1 Qg4⩱]

28.Qh3! Mikhalevski,V: 'The queen is out and Black's position collapses surprisingly quickly.' Mikhalevski,V: 'The queen is out and Black's position collapses surprisingly quickly.' **28...Be4**

[28...Nxe3? Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko: '?'' 29.Bxe6 Krasenkow, Michal: 'is now favourable for White, e. g.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'is now favourable for White, e.g.' Bg2 Krasenkow,Michal 30.g4!]

[28...Kh7 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko' 29.Qf5+ Qxf5 30.Nxf5 Kg6 *(30...Re2? 31.Bd1 Rxd2 32.Bxf3 Bf8 33.Ra8+-)* 31.Nxd6 Rxd6 32.Bc2+ f5 33.Re1+-]

29.Qg4 Mikhalevski,V: 'A good human solution. White trades queens and brings the game into a technical stage.' Mikhalevski,V: 'A good human solution. White trades queens and brings the game into a technical stage.'

[29.Ra8+ Krasenkow,Michal Kh7 30.Bd1 Qg6 31.h5 Qf6 32.Nxd5 cxd5 33.Bg4 Krasenkow,Michal: 'is even stronger.'is even stronger. Re7 Mikhalevski,V 34.Qf1+- is a good alternative.]

29...Qxg4 30.Nxg4 f5

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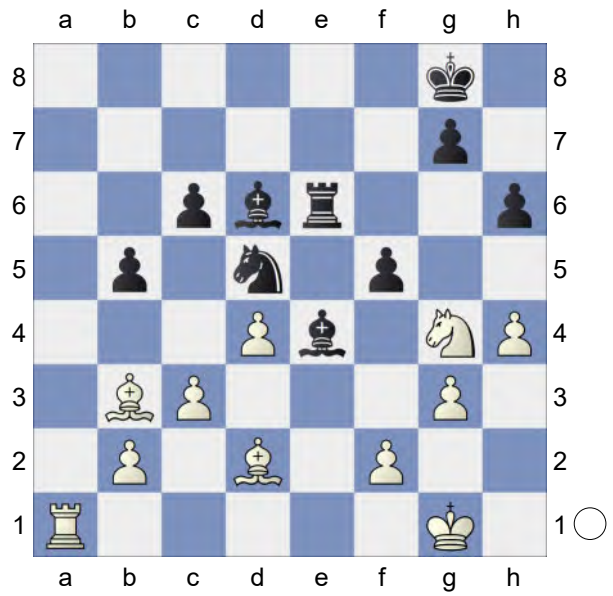
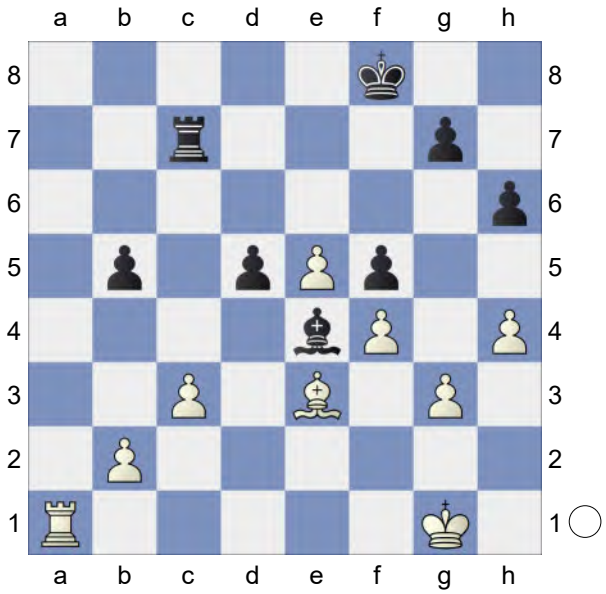


31.Ne5! Mikhalevski,V: '!?' '!?'
[Another option is 31.Ne3 Mikhalevski,V f4 32.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(After 32...cxd5 33.Re1 Kf8 34.f3 Bf5 35.Bxd5+-* White wins the second pawn.) 33.Bxd5 cxd5 34.Bxf4 Bxf4 35.gxf4+- with a winning rook endgame.]
31...Bxe5 32.dxe5 Kf8
[Mikhalevski,V: 'White's idea is to meet' Mikhalevski,V: 'White's idea is to meet' 32...Rxe5 Krasenkow,Michal: '?' '?' '?' '?' Mikhalevski,V: 'with' 33.Re1+- Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko: '+-'' Mikhalevski,V: '+-!' '+-!' Mikhalevski,V: 'and Black can't stop 34.f3.']
33.f4 Mikhalevski,V: 'A protected passed pawn on e5 guarantees White a win.'
33...Re7
[33...Re8 Krasenkow,Michal 34.c4!?]
34.Bxd5! Mikhalevski,V: 'A clever idea. Aronian forces 34...cxd5. After this move the light-squared bishop will be out of play.' Mikhalevski,V: 'A clever idea. Aronian forces 34...cxd5. After this move the light-squared bishop will be out of play.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'A surprising decision (opposite-coloured bishops!) but the point is that it weakens the b5-pawn.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'A surprising decision (opposite-coloured bishops!) but the point is that it weakens the b5-pawn.' **34...cxd5**
[Mikhalevski,V: 'Black would be happy to play' 34...Bxd5 Krasenkow,Michal: '?' '?' '?' '?' Mikhalevski,V: 'if not' Krasenkow,Michal: 'loses to' Krasenkow,Michal: 'loses to' 35.c4! Bxc4 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic, Branko' 36.Bb4+-]
35.Be3 Rc7



36.Ra5 Krasenkow,Michal: 'The classical pair of weaknesses in Black's camp (the b5-pawn+White's passed e-pawn) are quite enough for White to win.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'The classical pair of weaknesses in Black's camp (the b5-pawn+White's passed e-pawn) are quite enough for White to win.' **36...Bd3 37.Bd4 Rc6 38.Kf2 h5 39.Ke3 Bc4 40.Ra3 Rg6**

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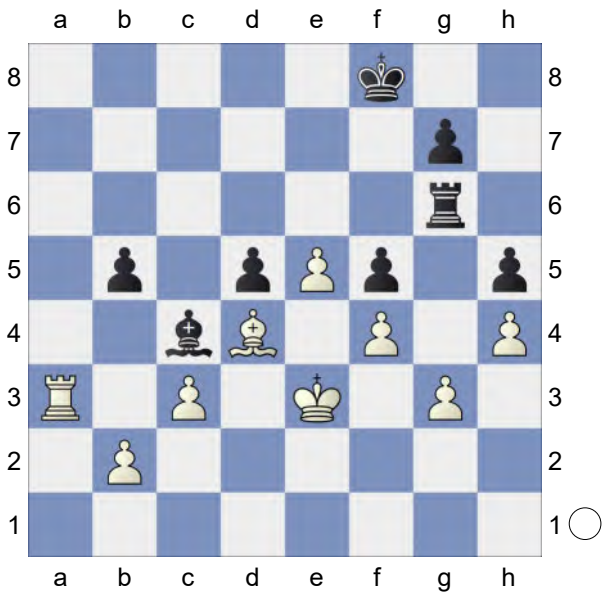

41.b3 Bf1 42.Bc5+! Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: '!'' **42...Ke8 43.Bb4+-** Krasenkow,Michal: 'Tadic,Branko: '+-'' Mikhalevski,V: '!' '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'White opens a way for his king. The e-pawn will decide the game.' Mikhalevski,V: 'White opens a way for his king. The e-pawn will decide the game.' **43...Bg2 44.Kd4 Rc6** Mikhalevski,V: 'An attempt to stop the king.' Mikhalevski,V: 'An attempt to stop the king.'

[44...Rxg3 Krasenkow,Michal 45.e6+-]

45.Ra7 g6

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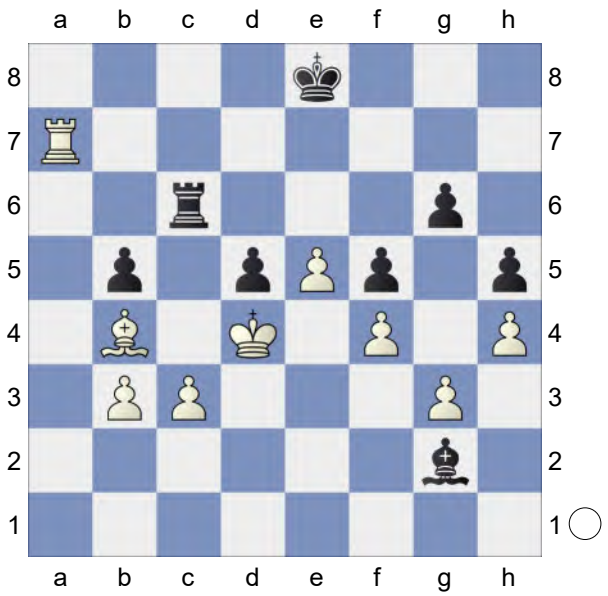
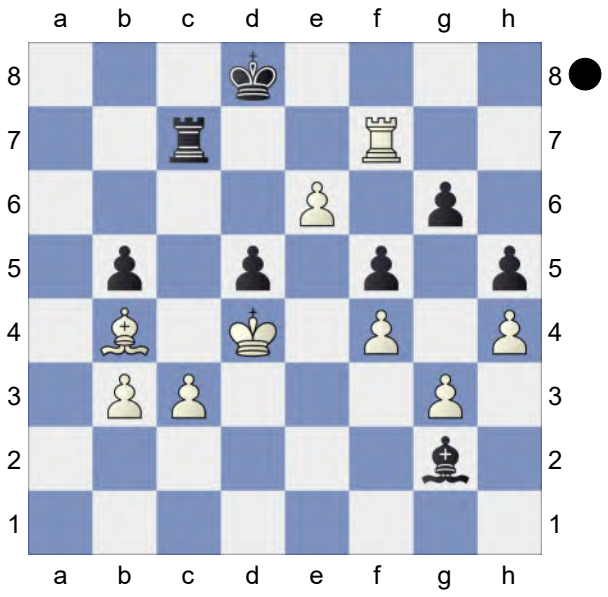


46.Re7+ Kd8 47.e6 Mikhalevski,V: 'However, the king is ready to come to e5.' Mikhalevski,V: 'However, the king is ready to come to e5.' **47...Rc7 48.Rf7**



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□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2736**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
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C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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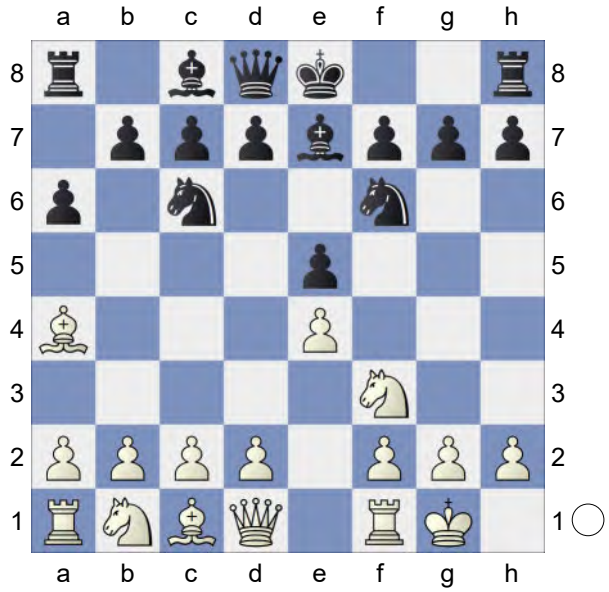
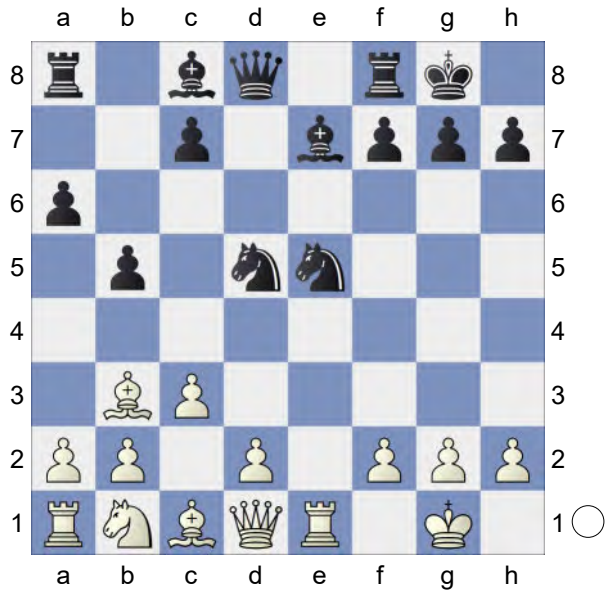


6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6

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14...cxd5 15.d4 Re8!N 0.80/22
A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 15...Qc7!⩲ 0.32/22 should be considered. 16.g3 Rae8 17.Be3 *(17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Be3 b4 19.cxb4 Qc2 20.Nd2 Qxb2 21.Qd1 Bxb4 22.Rb1 Qa3 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.Rxb3 Bxd2 25.Rxb7 Bxe3 26.fxe3 g6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Ra3 Rc2 29.Rxa6 Re2 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Re8 Rxa2* ü-ü Galdunts,S (2495)-7.♘c3 0-0 8. ♗e3 b6_60877 (2677) TOP 16 Guingamp FRA 2010 (3)*; 17.Nd2 b4 18.cxb4 Qc2 19.Re3 Bxb4 20.Nf1 Rxe3 21.Nxe3 Qd3 22.Qd1 Qe4 23.f3 Qe6 24.Qb3 Rc8 25.Kf2 Qb6 26.Bd2 a5 27.Bxb4 axb4 28.Rd1 Qh6 29.h4 Re8 30.Ng2 Ba6 31.Qxb4 Re2+ 1-0 Sokolov,A-Kharitonov,A Vilnius 1984)* 17...a5 18.Nd2 b4 19.cxb4 Bxb4 20.a3 Bd6 21.Ree1 Re6 ½-½ (42) Ivanchuk,V (2762)-Kamsky,G (2718) Montreal 2007 22.Rac1 Qb6 23.Qd1 Rfe8 24.Qb3 Bf8 25.Rc3 Qa6 26.Nf3 a4 27.Qc2 f6 28.Rc1 Qb5 29.Ne1 Rb6 30.Nd3 Ree6 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Ra6 33.b4 axb3 34.Rxb3 Qd7 35.Rcb1 Bc6 36.Qf5 Re8 ½-½ Kavakul,M (2762)-9.Nd2 a5/ 14.Qc2 Ngf6 15.Bd3 (2718) Sants 103/329 2008]

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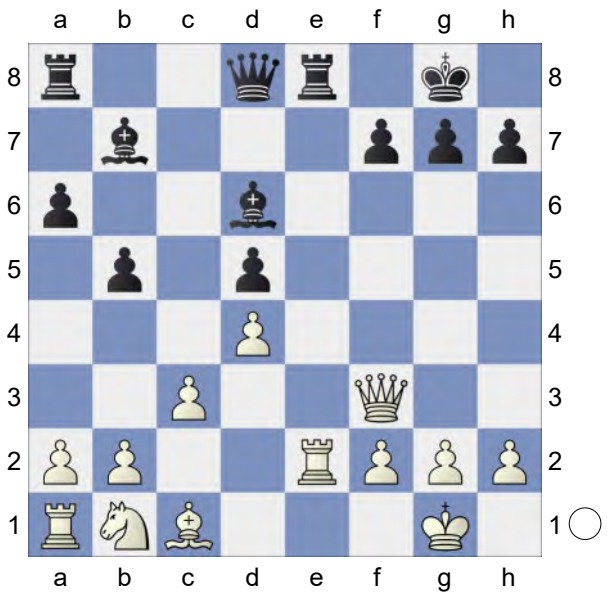

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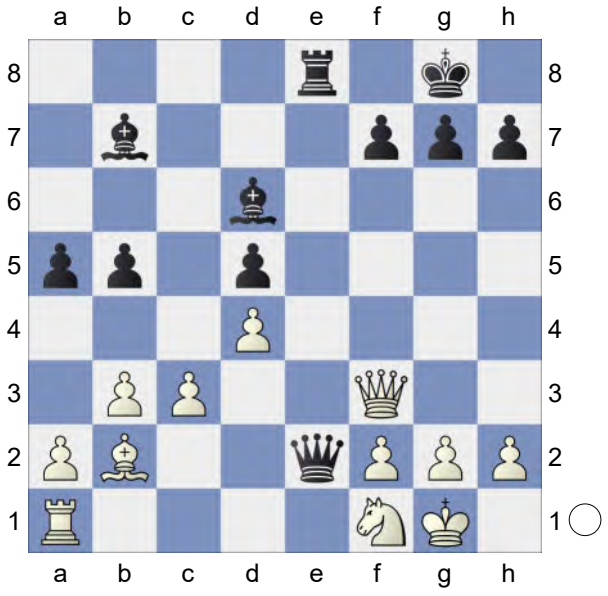
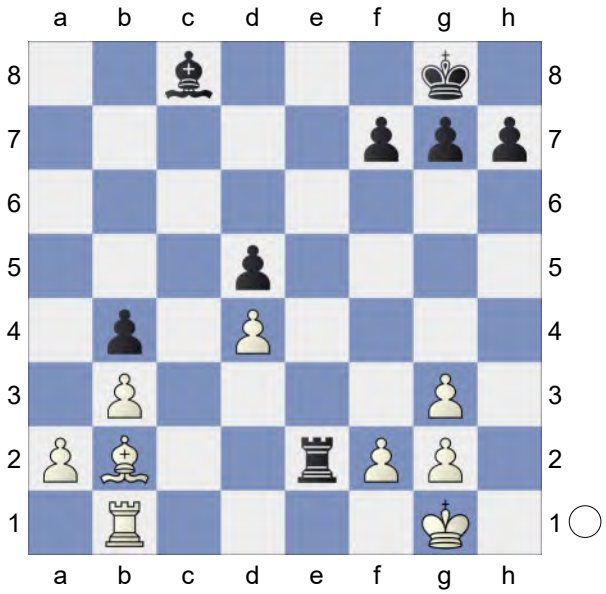
16.Nd2 0.40/21
[16.Rxe8+± 0.80/22 Qxe8 17.Be3]
16...a5 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nf1 Qe1 19.b3 Re8! 20.Bb2
[20.Qd3 is interesting. Re2 21.Be3 Rxe3 22.fxe3 Qxa1 23.Qxb5 Bc8 24.Qe8+]
20...Qe2

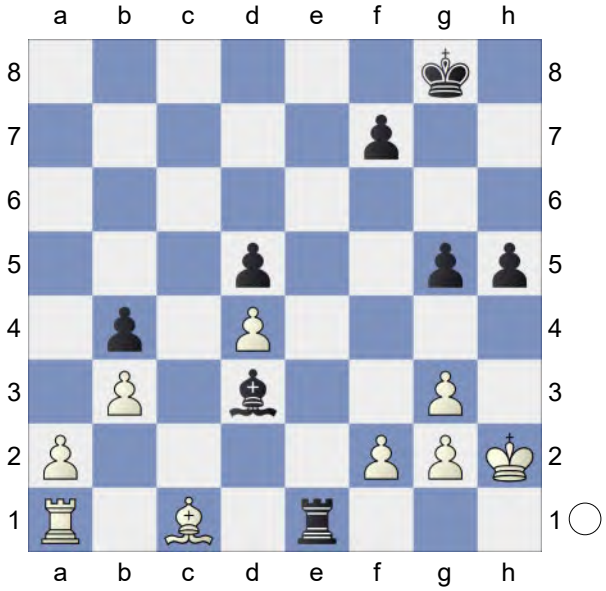


21.Qxe2 Rxe2 22.Rb1 -0.77/21
[22.Bc1= 0.01/25]
22...b4 Black is much more active.
23.cxb4 axb4 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.hxg3∓

Endgame. KRB-KRB **25...Bc8**

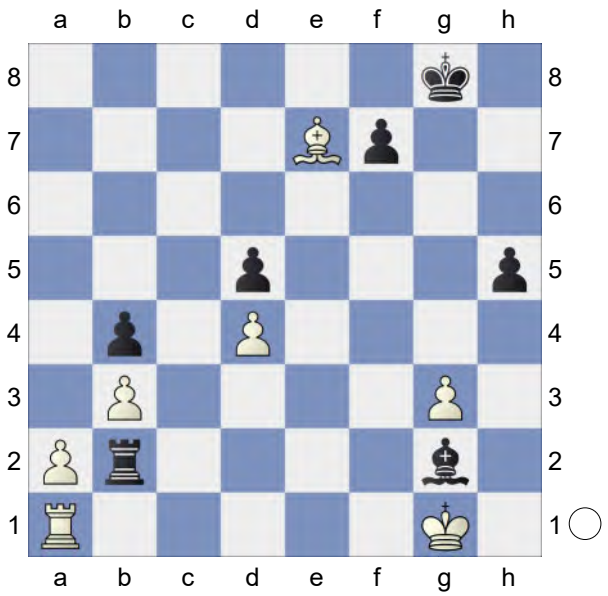


26.Kf1 Ba6 Black has strong compensation. **27.Kg1 h5 28.Bc1 Bd3 29.Ra1 Re1+ 30.Kh2 g5** -0.32/27
[30...f6∓ -0.78/25 ...g7-g5 is the strong threat. 31.f3 g5]

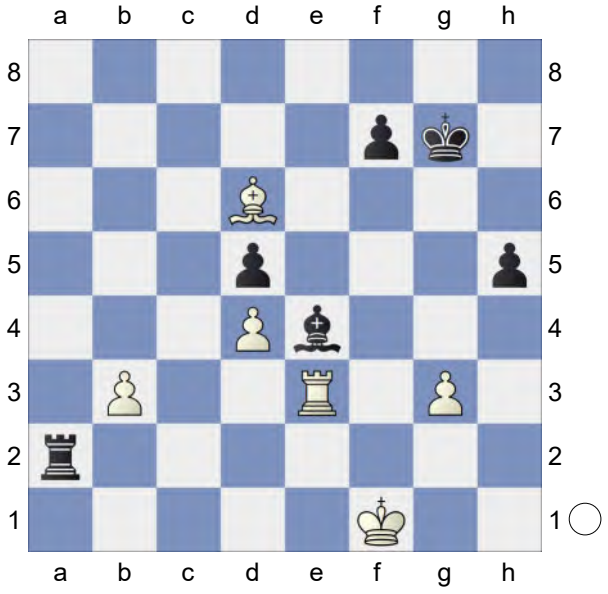


31.Bb2!∓ Re2 32.Bc1 Rxf2 33.Bxg5 Be4 34.Be7 Bxg2 0.03/24
[34...Rxg2+∓ -0.44/22 35.Kh3 Re2]
35.Kg1= Rb2

(Diagram)

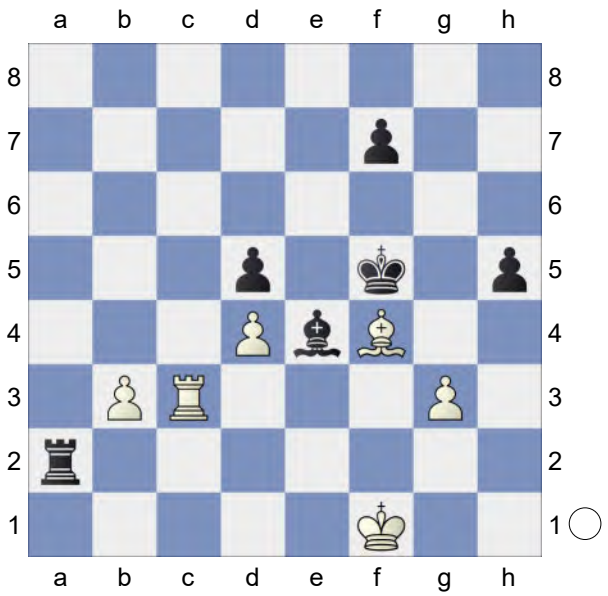


36.Bxb4 Threatens to win with a2-a4.
36...Be4 37.Bd6 -0.38/23
[37.Be1= 0.20/25]
37...Rg2+!∓ 38.Kf1 Rh2! 39.Re1 Rxa2 40.Re3 Kg7

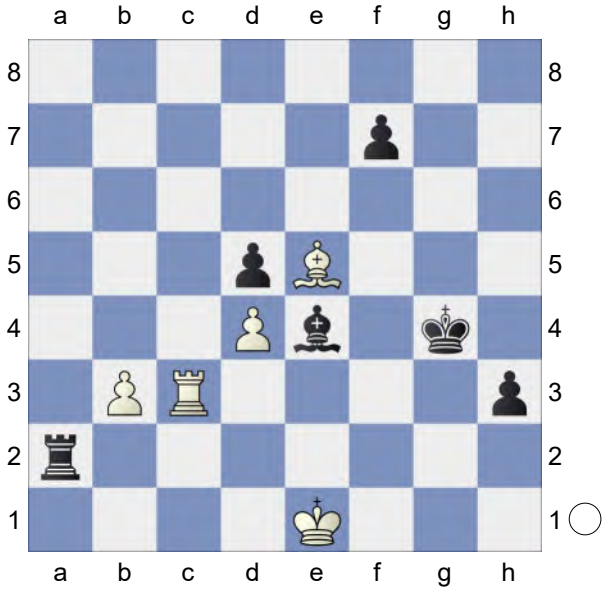


41.Rc3 Kg6 42.Bf4 -0.76/23
[42.b4∓ -0.35/22]
42...Kf5∓

(Diagram)

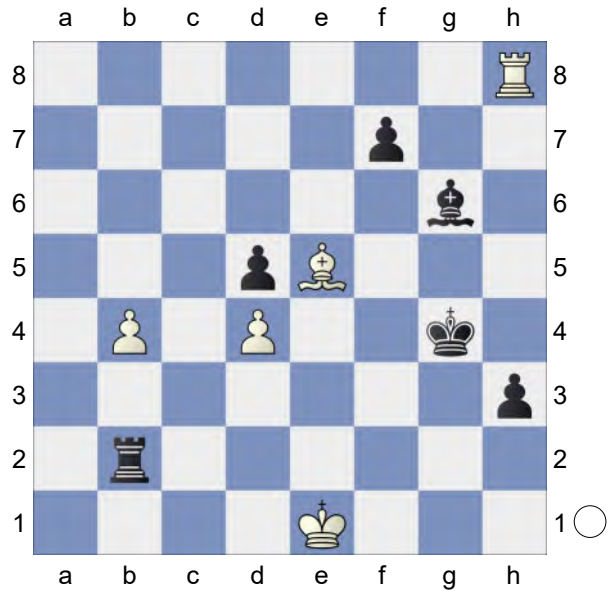


aiming for ...h5-h4! **43.Ke1?** -3.18/22
This costs White the game.
[43.Bd6∓ -0.71/23]
43...h4!-+ 44.Be5? -5.79/24
[44.Rc7 -3.02/24 only move.]
44...h3 45.g4+ Kxg4

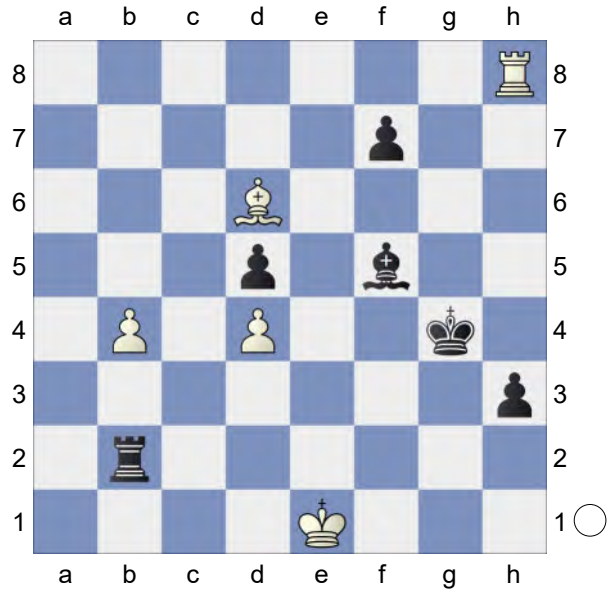


46.Rg3+ Kh4 47.Rg8 Bg6 48.Rh8+ Kg4 -3.04/25
[⌓48...Bh5 -6.36/27 49.Rd8 Re2+ 50.Kf1 h2 51.Bxh2 Rxh2 52.Rxd5 Bg4]
49.b4? -5.10/27
[49.Kf1 -3.04/25]

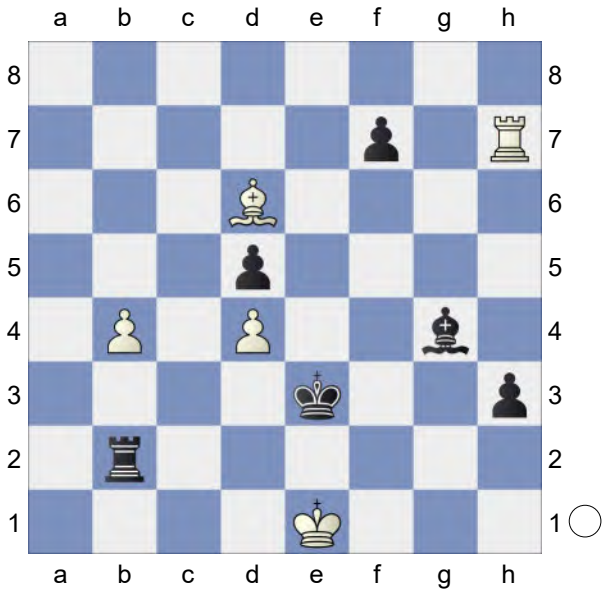
49...Rb2



And now ...f7-f5! would win. **50.Bd6 Bf5**



Hoping for ...Kg4-f3. **51.Rh6?** -6.21/25
[51.Kd1 -2.60/25]
51...Kf3 (-> ...Kf3-e3) **52.Rh5 Bg4** -6.69/24
[⌓52...Ke3 -#13/22 53.Bf4+ Kxf4 54.Kd1 Bg4+ *(54...Rxb4? 55.Kd2-+)* 55.Kc1 Bxh5 *(55...Rxb4? 56.Rh6-+)* 56.Kxb2 h2 57.Ka3 h1Q *(57...h1B 58.Kb2 Be2 59.b5 Ke3 60.Kc3 f5 61.Kc2 f4 62.b6 Ba6 63.b7 Bxb7 64.Kc3 f3 65.Kb4 Kxd4 66.Ka5 f2 67.Kb5 f1Q+ 68.Kb6 Qa6+ 69.Kc7 Bc6 70.Kd8 Qa7 71.Kc8 Qd7+ 72.Kb8 Qb7#)* 58.Ka4 Qc1 59.Kb5 Qc7 60.Ka4 Bd1+ 61.Kb5 Be2+ 62.Ka4 Qc2+ 63.Ka5 Qc6 64.b5 Qxb5#]
53.Rh7 Ke3



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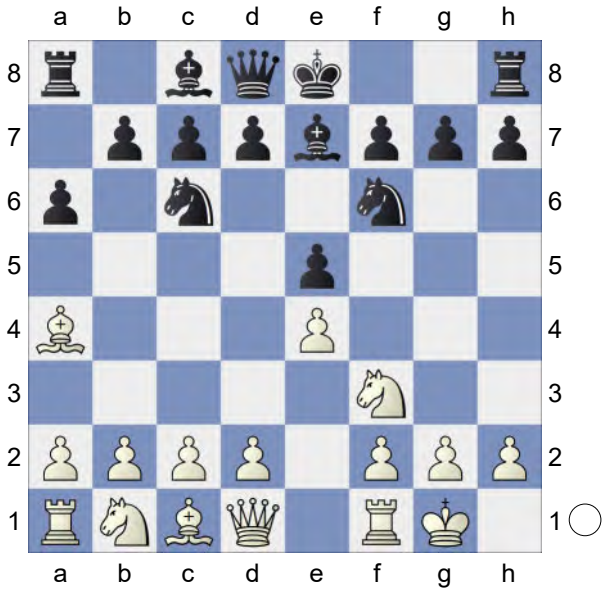
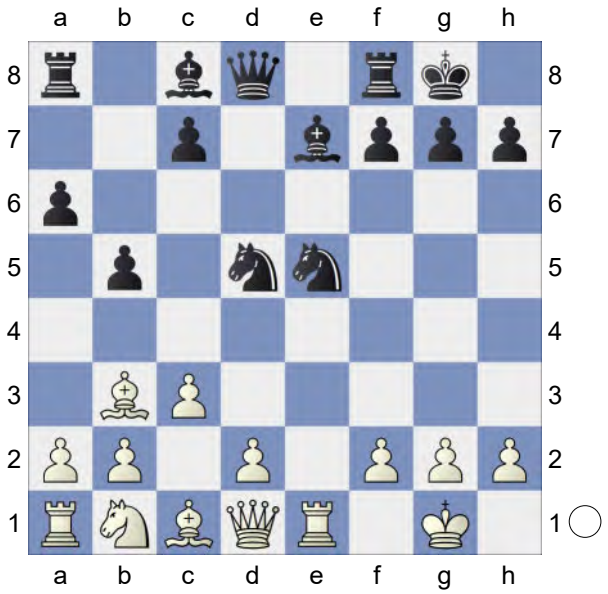
122 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (4.11)
[Kitty Kat]

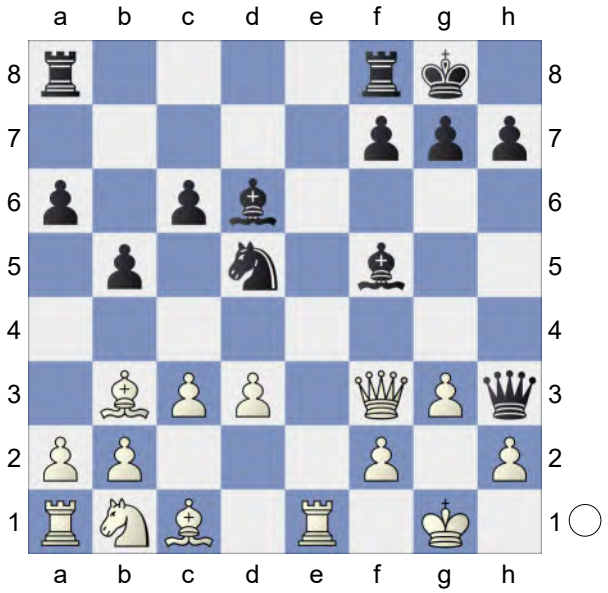
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

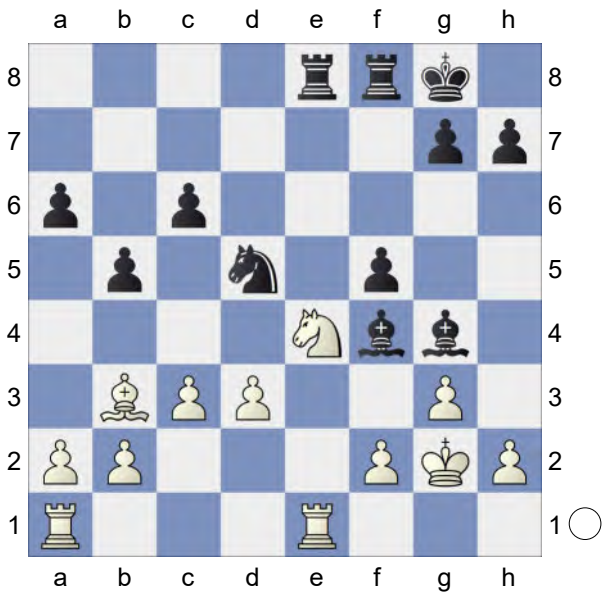


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Stronger than 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

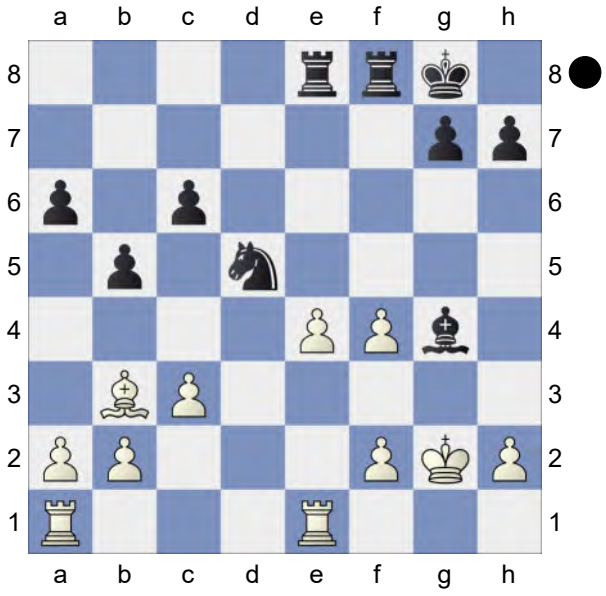


16.Nd2 16.Nd2 is the recent fashion. 16. Sd2 ist aktuell in Mode. **16...Rae8** White is slightly better. **17.Ne4! Bg4 18.Qg2** Qg2xh3 is the strong threat. **18...Qxg2+** 1.55/5
[18...Qh5± 0.36/22 19.Be3 Bf3]
19.Kxg2± f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4
[Much weaker is 20...fxe4?! 21.Bxd6 Rf6 22.Bc5+- *(22.Rxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kf1 Bxe4∓)*]

(Diagram)



21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4



Pin **22...Bf3+!** Decoy **23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4±**

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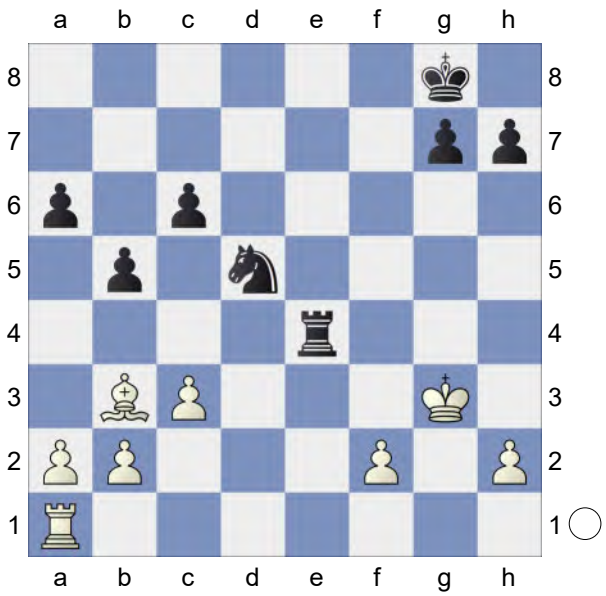
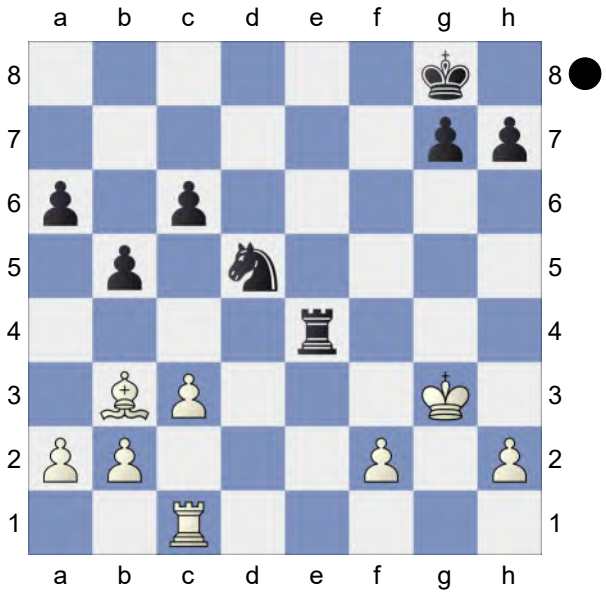
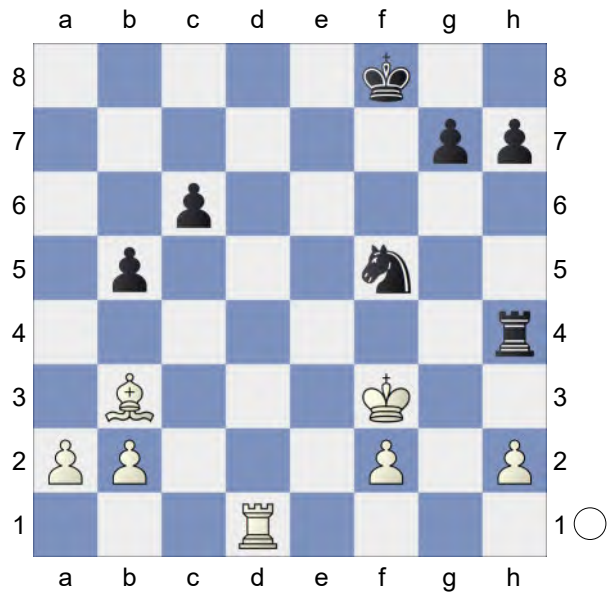


Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.Rc1**

[26.a4 Black should prevent a4xb5. Re2 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rd1 Rxb2 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rxd5 Rb3 31.Kg4 Rxc3 32.Rxb5 Rc4+ 33.Kg3 Rc3+ 34.Kg2 Rc8 35.f3 Rf8 36.Kg3 h6 37.Ra5 Kh7 38.Rb5 Rf6 39.Ra5 ½-½ (46) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen, M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022]

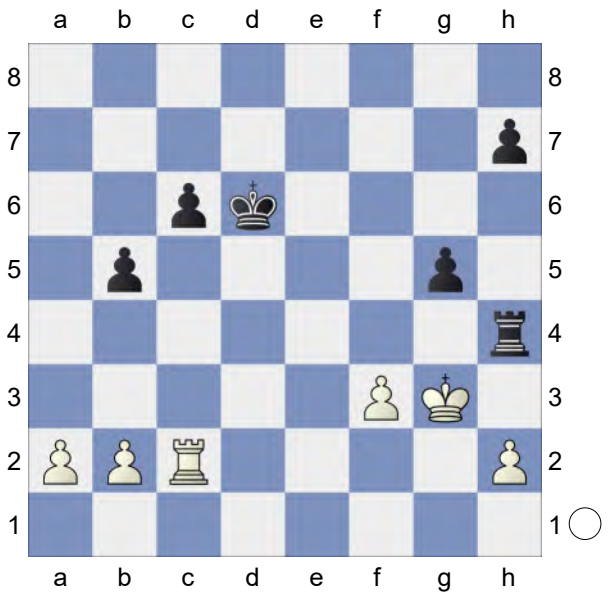


c3-c4 would now be deadly. **26...Kf8 27.c4 Ne7 28.Kf3 Rh4 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Rd1 Nf5**

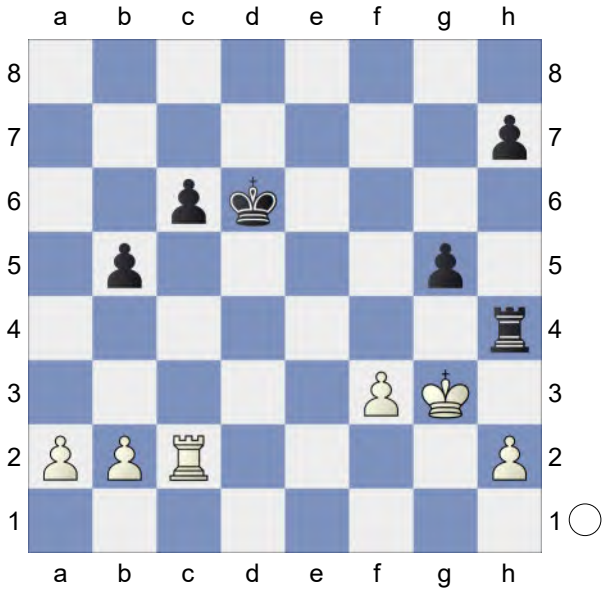


31.Bc2 Nd4+ 32.Kg3 g5 33.Rd2N
[Vorgänger: 33.Bxh7 Ne2+ 34.Kf3 Nd4+ 35.Kg2 Rg4+ 36.Kh1 Rh4 37.Bd3 Ke7 38.Re1+! Kf6 39.Re3 0.13/21 ½-½ (62) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 ½-½ (62) Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022. Inhibits Nd4-f3. *(39.Re4± 0.59/21)* 39...c5 40.b3 Rh8 41.Kg2 Ra8 42.Bb1 c4 43.bxc4 bxc4 44.Re4 Rd8 45.Re3 Rc8 46.Rc3 Ne2 47.Rc2 Nf4+ 48.Kf3 Ke5 49.a4 Nd3 50.Kg4 c3 51.a5 Kd4 52.Re2 Ra8 53.f3 Ne5+ 54.Kxg5 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2768)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4.22)]
33...Ke7 34.f3 -0.42/26
[34.Bxh7!= 0.08/26 c5 35.Bb1]
34...Nxc2!∓ 35.Rxc2 Kd6

(Diagram)



36.Rd2+ Ke6 -0.18/23
[36...Ke5∓ -0.56/22]
37.Rc2 -0.83/24
[37.Rd8= -0.18/23 remains equal.]
37...Kd6 0.01/21 **38.Rd2+= Ke6** 0.01/20
[38...Kc7∓ -0.45/22 feels stronger.]
39.Rc2! Kd6 0.01/32
[Better is 39...Kd5∓ -0.82/23]



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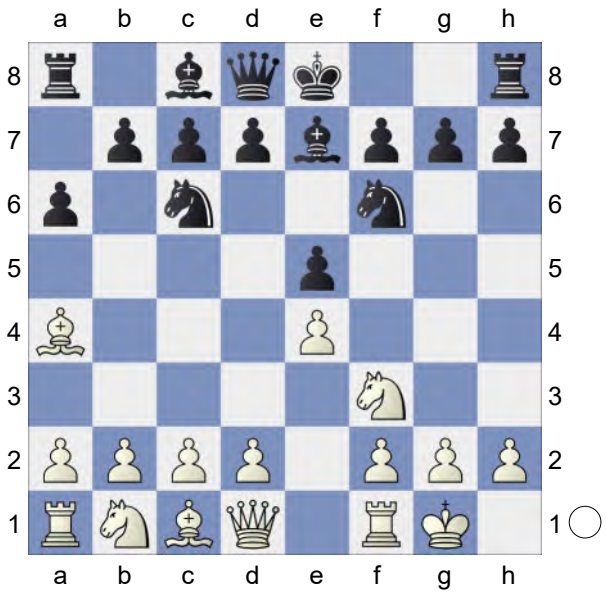
123 **C89**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (4.34)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Pavlovic,Milos: 'Alexander Delchev: 'Hi Everyone, We are at the start of one of the strongest tournaments this year - Gashimov Memorial. Already in the first round, we will take a closer look on the most interesting game - continuation of the clash between the reigning champion Carlsen with black pieces and his last contender - the ex-champion Anand." **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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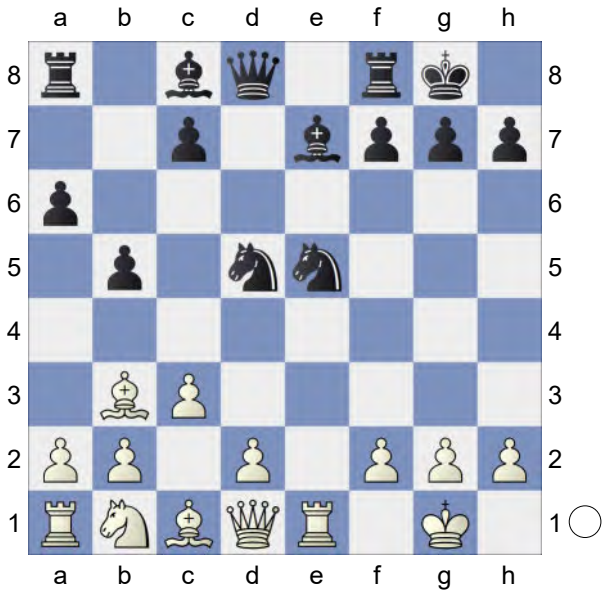

11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3
[14.Nd2!?]
14...Bg6 0.57/19
[14...Qf6= 0.21/21 is more appropriate.]
15.Nd2N 0.01/22 15.g3 is a critical line. 15.g3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[15.Na3± 0.57/19]
[15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Bf4 d4 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Be5 Qd7 20.Nd5 f6 21.Nxb4 fxe5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd3 24.Rxe5 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Ne3 Rc8 27.a3 a5 28.h4 Bg6 29.Rd1 b4 0-1 Anand,V (2515)-Van der Wiel,J (2560) 47/214 Wijk aan Zee 1989 30.axb4 axb4 31.g4 b3 32.h5 Bf7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra8 35.Rd2 h6 36.Nf5 Be6 37.Nd4 Bf7 38.f3 Rc8 39.Kf4 Rc1 40.Nf5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rd7 Kg8 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Kg8 ½-½ Anand,V (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) Gashimov Memorial 2nd 2015 (1)]
15...Nf4!=

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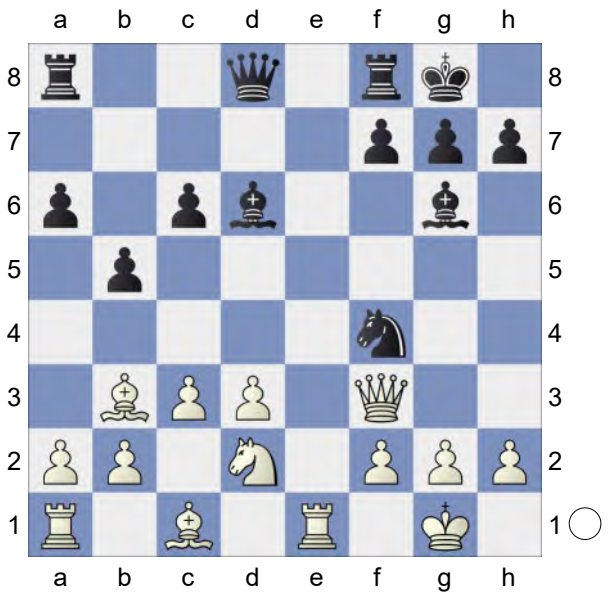

16.d4 Black must now prevent Nd2-e4!
[16.Qxc6? Nxd3 *(16...Bxd3? 17.Ne4+-)* 17.Re2 Bf4-+]
16...Nd3N 1.03/21
[Vorgänger: 16...Qd7!= -0.11/22 17.Ne4 Bh5 18.Qe3 Rae8 19.Qd2 Nxg2 20.Kxg2 Qf5 21.Qg5 Bf3+ 22.Kg1 Qh3 23.Nf6+ Kh8 24.Re5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Rxe5 0-1 (25) Pedrosa, P (1915)-Johansen,J (2326) ICCF email 2017]
17.Re3± Nxc1 18.Rxc1 c5 19.Ne4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Strongly threatening Ne4xd6. **20...Be7**

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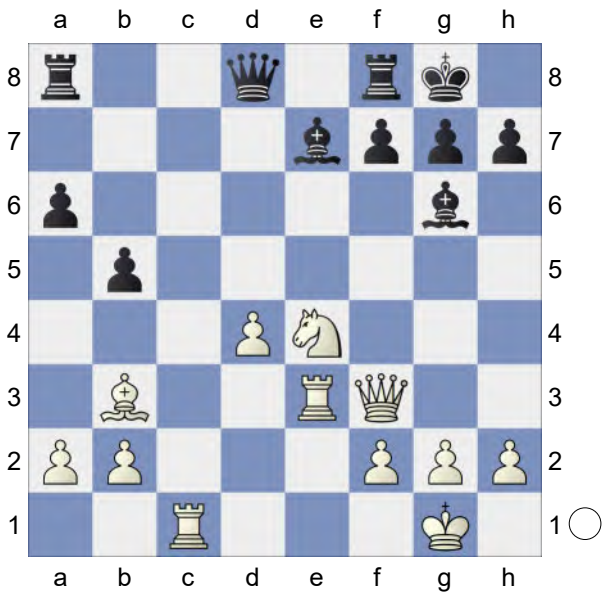
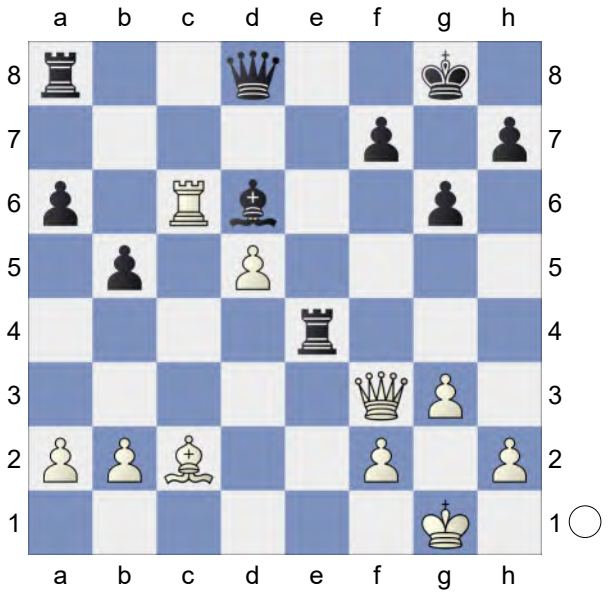


21.d5 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Bd6 Black is weak on the light squares **23.Rc6 Re8 24.Bc2**
[24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.g3 *(25.Rxd6? Qe1#)* 25...Qe5±]
24...g6 25.g3 And now Re4xe8+ would win.
[25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.g3 *(26.Rxd6? Qe1#)* 26...Qe7±]
25...Rxe4



26.Bxe4 Qe7 27.Kg2 a5 28.Bd3 b4 29.b3 Rd8 30.h4 Qe5
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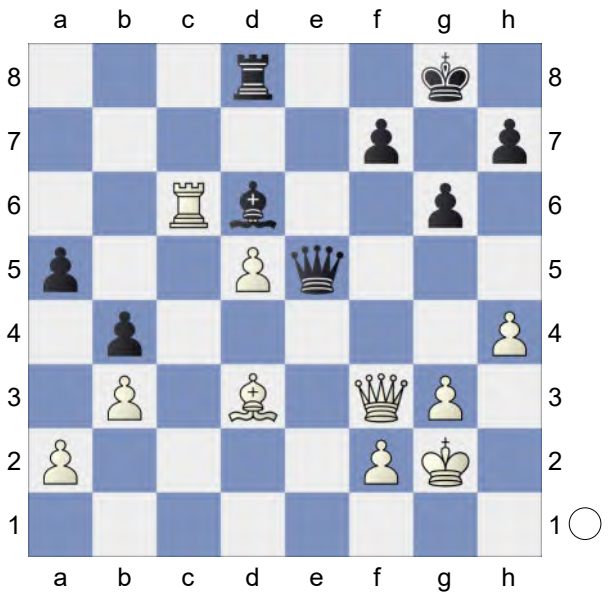
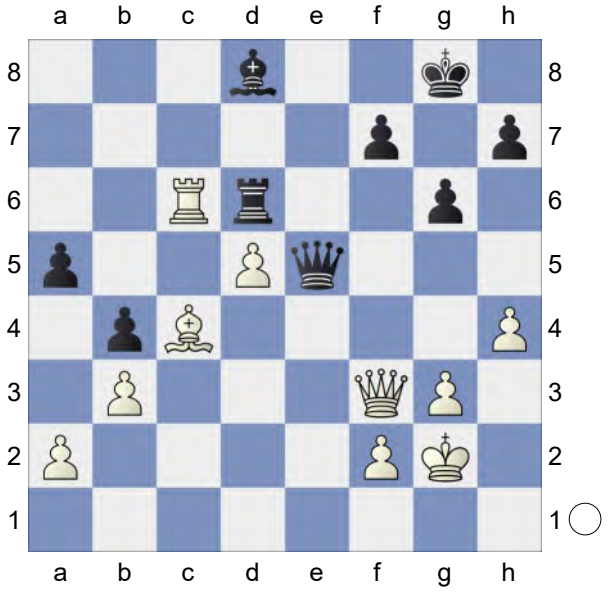


31.Ra6 Bc7 32.Bc4 aiming for d5-d6!
32...Rd6 33.Rc6 0.42/24
[33.Ra7± 0.85/23 Kg7 34.Qe2 *(34.Rxc7 Rf6=)* 34...Qxe2 35.Bxe2]
33...Bd8



34.h5! Kg7 35.h6+ Kf8 1.23/23
[Better is 35...Kxh6± 0.48/25 36.Qxf7 Rf6 37.Rxf6 Bxf6]

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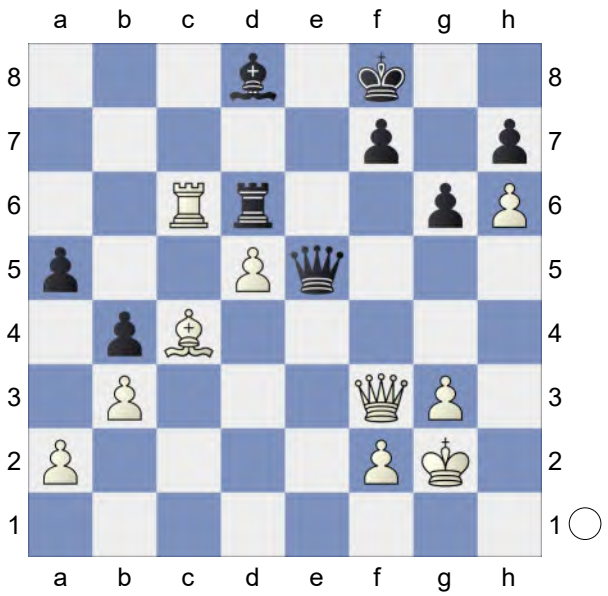
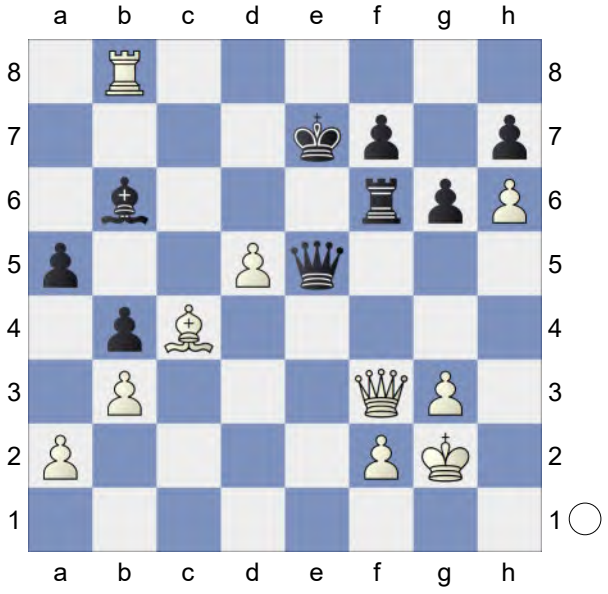


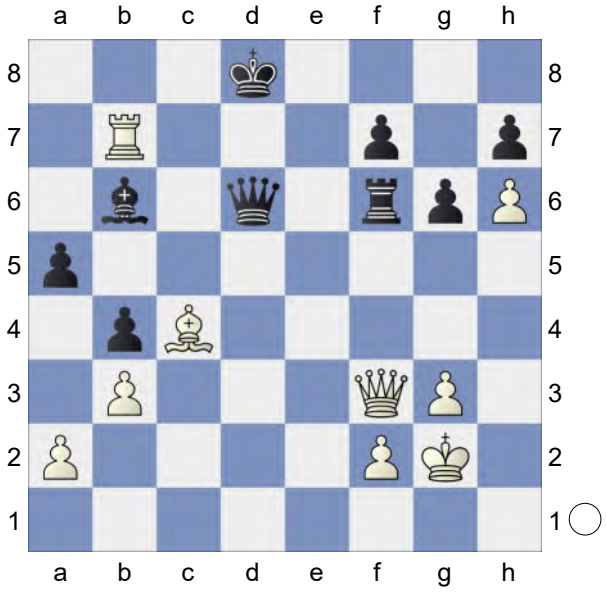
36.Rc8 Ke7 1.54/23
[⌓36...Qf5 1.11/24 37.Qxf5 gxf5]
37.Ra8 Bb6 Dodges Ra8-a7+ **38.Rb8** 1.17/24
[⌓38.Bb5 1.57/25 Rd8 39.d6+ Qxd6 40.Qe4+ Kf6 41.Ra6]
38...Rf6? 8.95/25



39.d6+!+- Qxd6 40.Rb7+? -0.01/26
[White should play 40.Qe4++- 8.14/25 Re6
A) 41.Bxe6 Qxb8 42.Bc4+ Kf8+- *(42...Kd7+-)*;
B) 41.Rb7+ Bc7+-;

C) 41.Qb7+ Skewer 41...Bc7 42.Bxe6 Kxe6 43.Re8+ Kd7 44.Qb5+ Qc6+ 45.Qxc6+ Kxc6
C1) 46.Rh8 Kd7+- *(46...Bd6+-)*;
C2) 46.Re7]

40...Kd8=



41.Qe4 -1.26/26 **Rxf2+∓ 42.Kh3 Bc7** Some like it hot. Black is better. **43.Qd5 Qxd5**
[43...Rxa2 44.Qxd6+ Bxd6 45.Rxf7= *(45.Bxf7 Re2∓)*]
[43...Ke7 seems wilder. 44.Qd3 Qxd3 45.Bxd3 Kd6]
44.Bxd5 Endgame.

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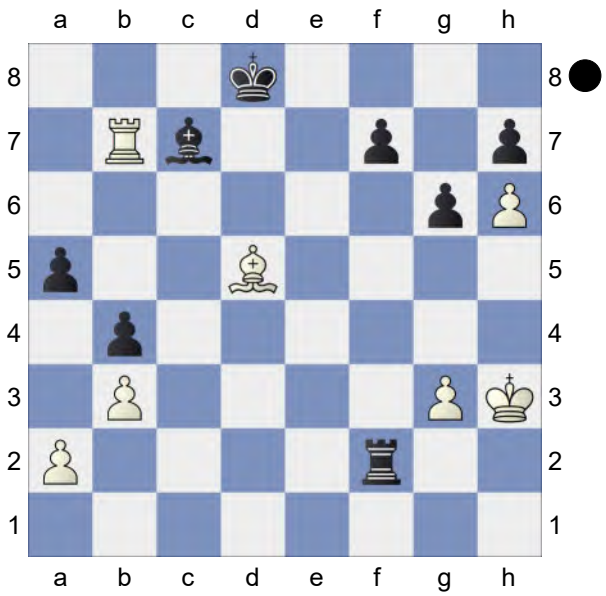
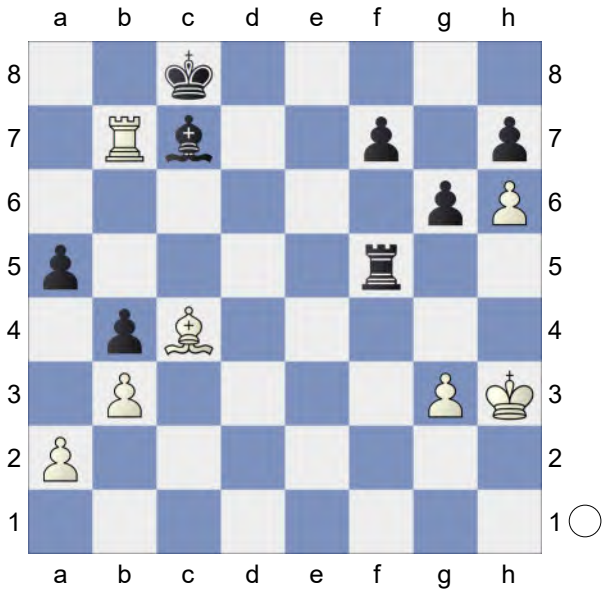
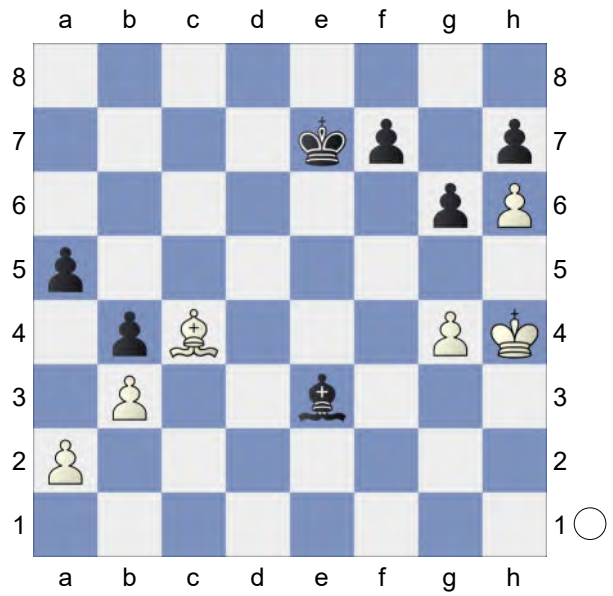


KRB-KRB **44...Rf5!**
[But not 44...Rxa2 45.Bxf7 Rc2 46.Bg8∓]
45.Bc4 Kc8
[Don't play 45...Rf3 46.Kh2-+]

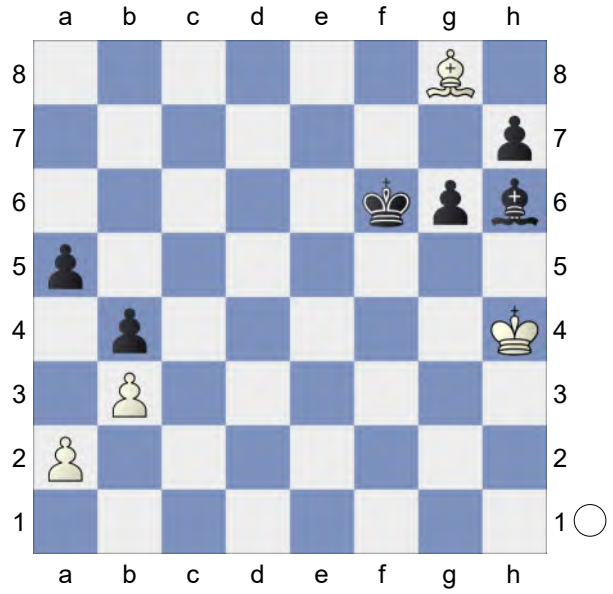


46.Rb5 Rxb5 47.Bxb5 KB-KB **47...Kd8 48.Bc4 Ke7 49.Kh4** -1.17/33
[⌓49.g4 -0.80/34]
49...Bb6 -0.79/31
[⌓49...f5 -1.17/33 50.Bd3 Bb6]
50.g4 Be3

(Diagram)



51.g5 f6 52.gxf6+ Kxf6 53.Bg8 Bxh6



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124 **C89**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2617**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**
Speed Chess Q1 blitz (10) 10.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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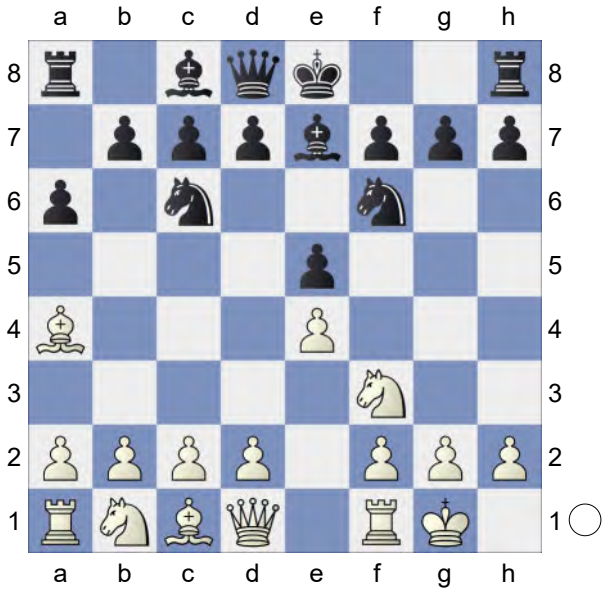
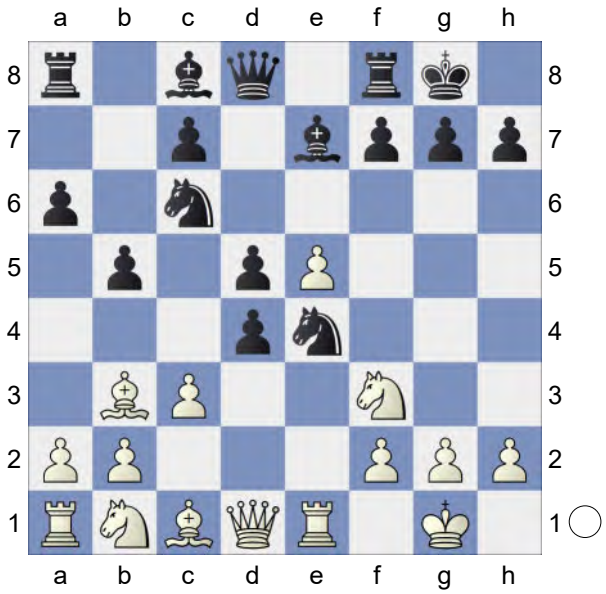


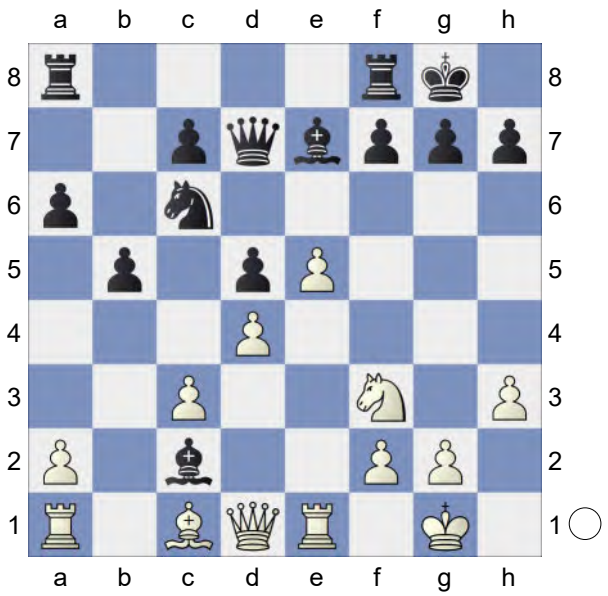
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 exd4
[9...dxe4 simplifies 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd5]
10.e5 Ne4

(Diagram)



11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qd7
[13...Na5 14.Bc2 Nc4 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qe2 a5 17.h3 Be6 18.Nd2 Na3 19.Bd3 Rb8 20.Nf1 b4 21.f4 Qc8 22.Ne3 c5 23.Bxa3 bxa3 24.f5 cxd4 25.cxd4 gxf5 26.Qh5 Qc6 27.Nxf5 Bxf5 28.Bxf5 1-0 Stocko,J (1960)-Moiseev,V (2087) FIDE World Championship 1997 (4)]
14.Bc2! is now more promising than 14.h3. im Vergleich zu 14.h3 vielversprechender.is now more promising than 14.h3.im Vergleich zu 14.h3 vielversprechender. **14...Bf5** Dodges Qd1-d3 **15.h3N**
[15.Bg5 Rab8 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Nd2 Bxc2 18.Qxc2 Rb6 19.Nb3 Ng6 20.Nc5 Qc8 21.Qd2 Re8 22.a4 Nf8 23.axb5 axb5 24.f4 Qf5 25.Ra7 c6 26.Qd3 Qg4 27.h3 Qh4 28.Rf1 Rbb8 29.Kh2 Ra8 1-0 Skopec,L (2678)-Wirsching,A (2599) Geneve-B 1990 (2)]
15...Bxc2

(Diagram)



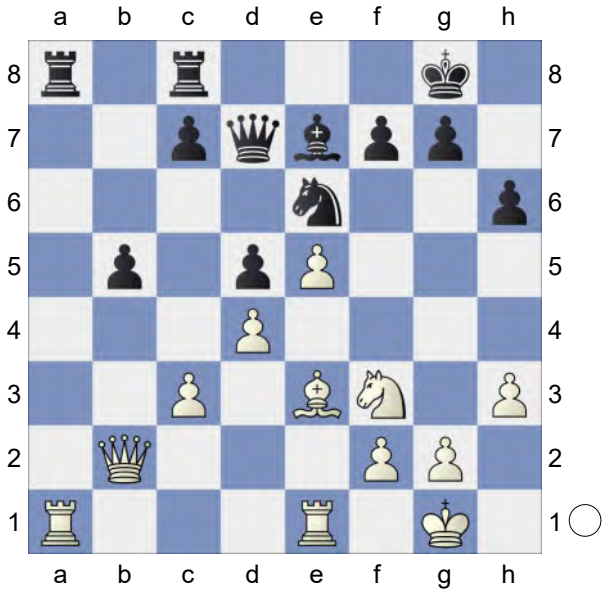
16.Qxc2 Nd8 17.a4N

[Vorgänger: 17.Nh2 -0.32/21 17.Nf3-g5 0.32 c5 18.Be3 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rc8 20.Qd3 Rc4 21.Nf3 Nc6 22.a3 Prevents Nc6-b4. Rc8 23.Bd2 -0.91/20 0-1 (63) Savitha Shri, B (2261)-Jovanovic,S (2155) Belgrade 2021 *(23.Nd2∓ -0.47/19* deserves consideration. *)*]

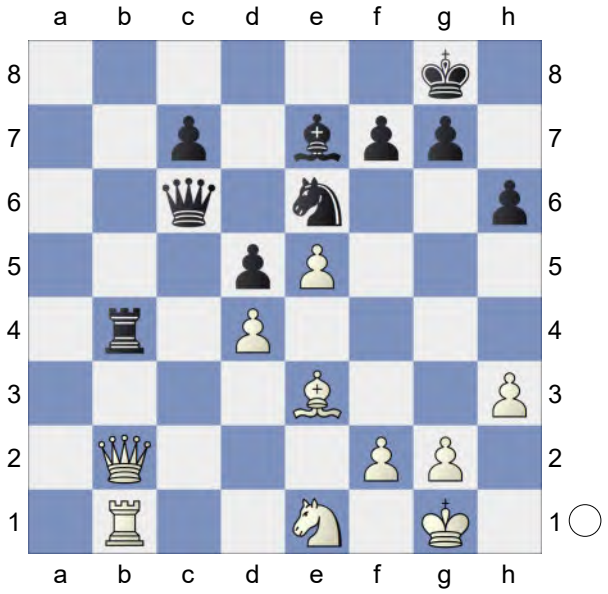
17...Ne6 18.Be3 Rfc8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qb2 -0.55/19

[20.Qd3= -0.11/20]

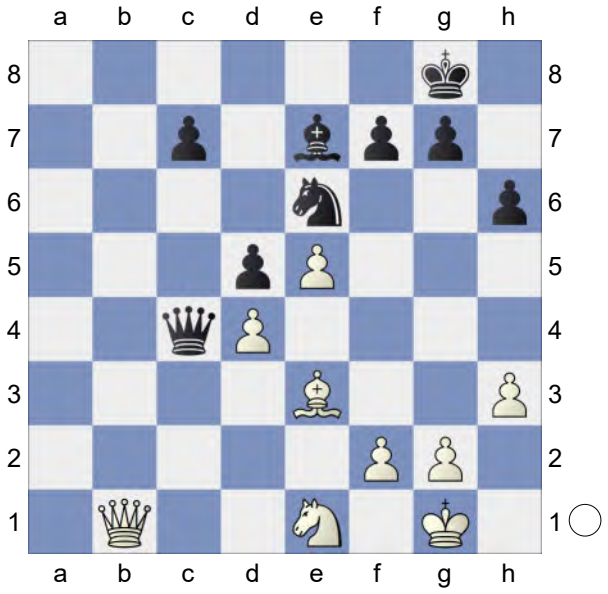
20...h6



21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Ra1 Ra4 23.Ne1 Qc6 24.Rb1 b4 25.cxb4 Rxb4



26.Qa1 Rxb1 27.Qxb1 Qc4



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½-½

125 **C89**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2736**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (3.16)
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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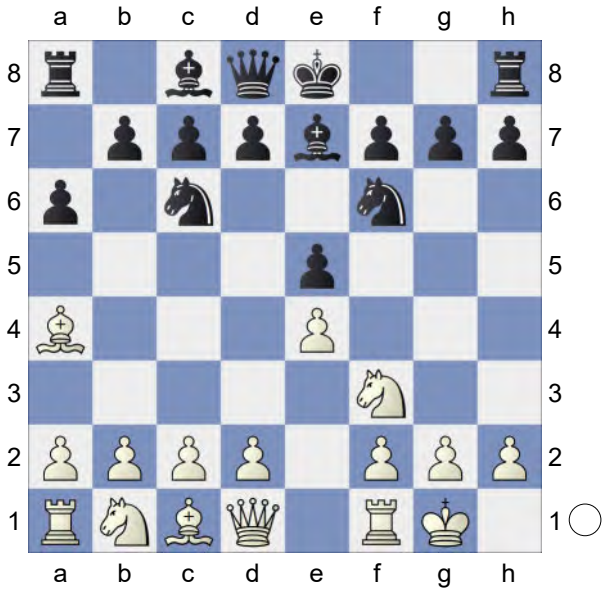
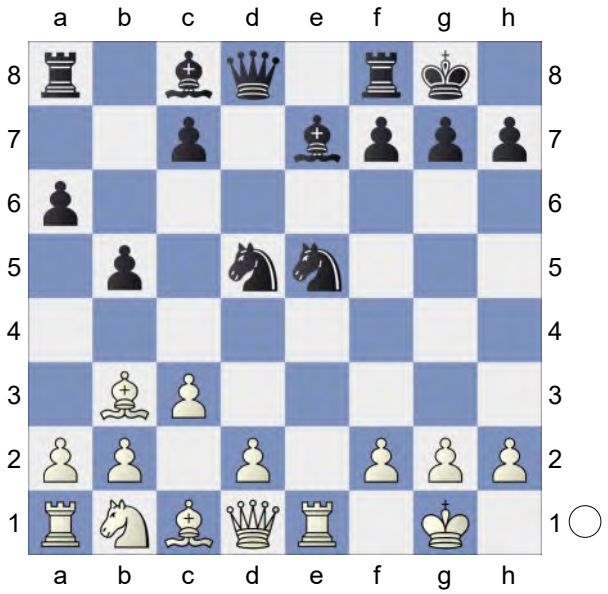


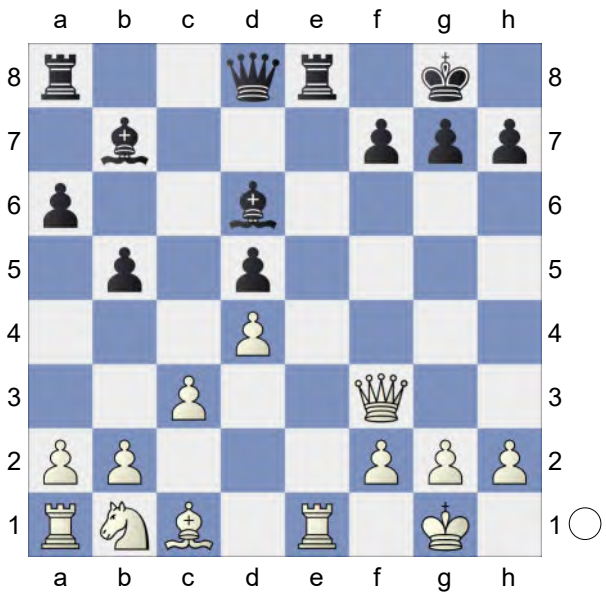
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Bxd5 c6

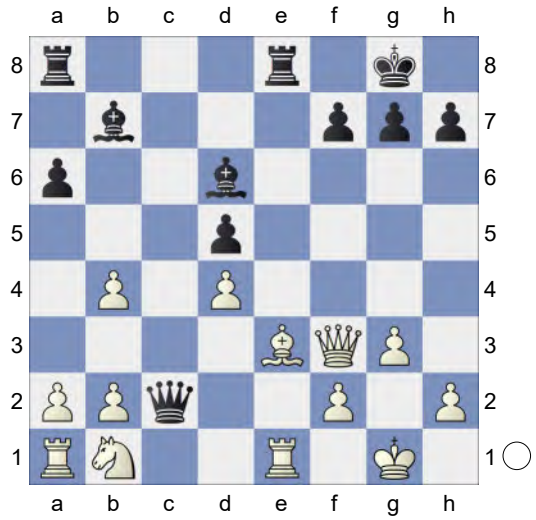
14.Re1 now supersedes 14.Re2. löst 14.Te2 inzwischen ab.now supersedes 14.Re2. löst 14.Te2 inzwischen ab.
14...cxd5 15.d4 Re8N 0.83/20
[15...Qc7± 0.40/21 16.g3 Rae8 17.Rxe8 *(17.Be3 Re6 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Re2 a5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Bf4 bxc3 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.bxc3 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Bc8 25.Nb3 Rf8 26.Re5 Rf6 27.h3 h6 28.f5 exf5 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.Nc5 Rg6+ 31.Kf1 Qb6* 1-0 Karthikeyan,M (2627) - Dubov,D (2708) Armageddon Asia&Oceania Lose blitz 2023 (1.1)*)* 17...Rxe8 18.Be3 b4 19.a3 a5 20.axb4 axb4 21.cxb4 Qc2 22.Nd2 Bxb4 23.Ra7 Qc6 24.Qd1 Qb6 25.Ra1 Ra8 26.Rxa8+ Bxa8 27.Nf3 Bd6 28.Qc2 Bc6 29.Qf5 h6 30.Ne1 Qa6 ü-ü 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6_35829-5. ♘f3 ♘f6 6.♘f6 ♘f6 11/111 Romania 1971 31.Kg2 Bb5 32.h3 Bb4 33.Nf3 Qb7 34.Qc2 Qa6 35.Ne5 Bd6 36.Bf4 f6 37.Ng4 Bd3 38.Qd2 Bb4 39.Qe3 Bf1+ 40.Kh2 Qc8 41.Qf3 Qe6 42.Ne3 Qxh3+ 43.Kg1 Bd3 44.Qxd5+ Kh8 45.Qb3 Be2 ½-½ Tukmakov,V-Tseitlin,M USSR Army tt 1973]

(Diagram)



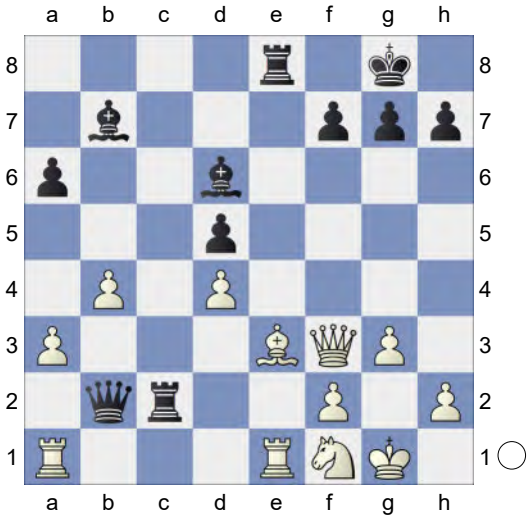
16.Be3 White is better. **16...Qc7 17.g3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4N**

[Vorgänger: 18...Qc2 0.94/19 18...Bd6xb4 0.48



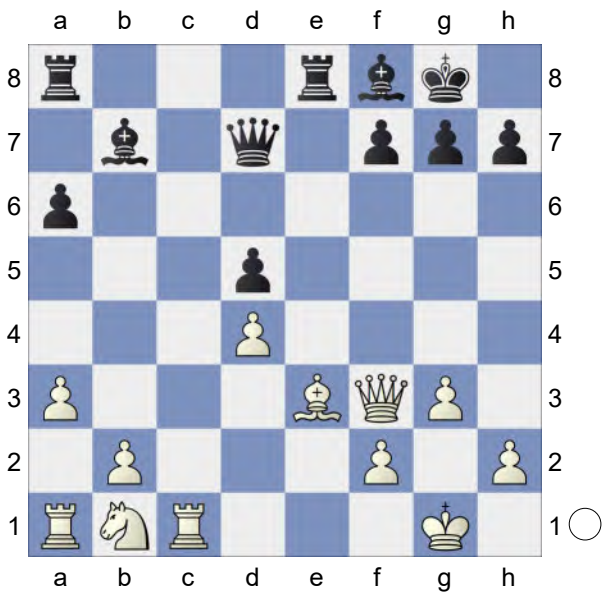
19.a3 0.38/21 *(White should try 19.Rc1!± 0.94/19 Qg6 20.a3)* 19...Qxb2± 20.Nd2 Rac8! 21.Nf1 Rc2? 2.04/23 *(21...Bc6± 0.33/20)*

(Diagram)



22.Bf4!+- Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Bf8 24.Re8 Qxd4? 4.82/22 ½-½ (45) Gross,D (2405)-Svatos,J (2355) Czech Republic 1997 *(24...Rc8 2.03/22 25.Qe3 Qc2)*]

19.Rc1 Qd7 20.a3 Bf8

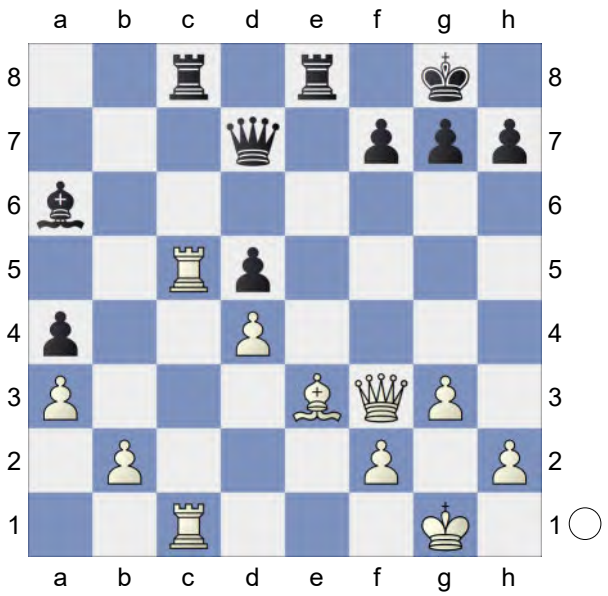


21.Nd2 a5 22.Nb3 a4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 The position is equal. **24.Rxc5**

[24.dxc5 Re4 25.c6 Bxc6-+]

24...Rac8 Black is weak on the dark squares **25.Rac1 Ba6**

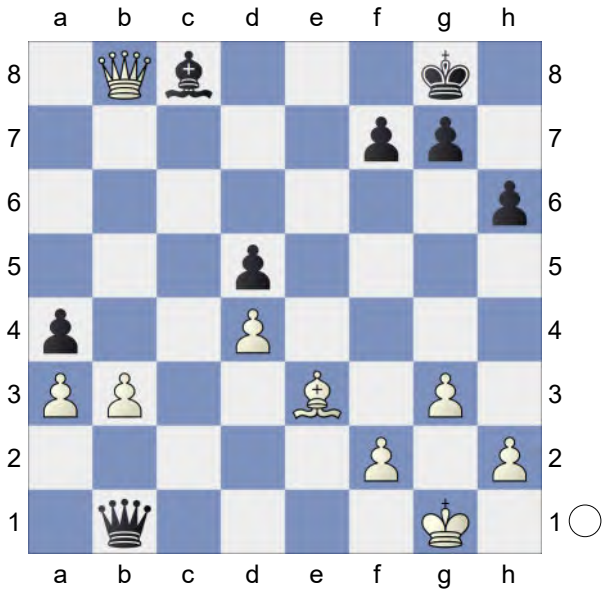
(Diagram)



26.Rxc8

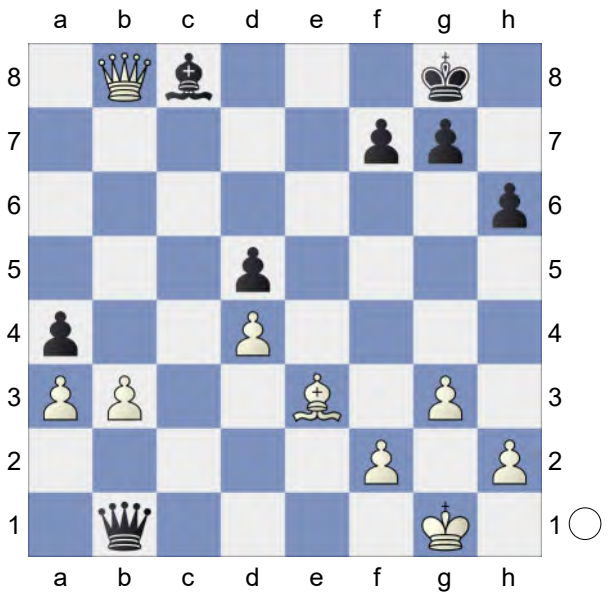
[26.Qxd5? loses. Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Re1+ 29.Kg2 Bb7-+ *(29...Rxc1 30.Rd8#; 29...Bf1+? 30.Kf3+-)*]

26...Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8= Endgame. KQB-KQB **28.Qf4 h6 29.Qb8** Dodges Qd7-b5 **29...Qf5 30.b3 Qb1+**



31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Qb1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ 34.Kg1 Qb1+

(Diagram)



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½-½

126 **C89**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2758**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 142/(127) 2019
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
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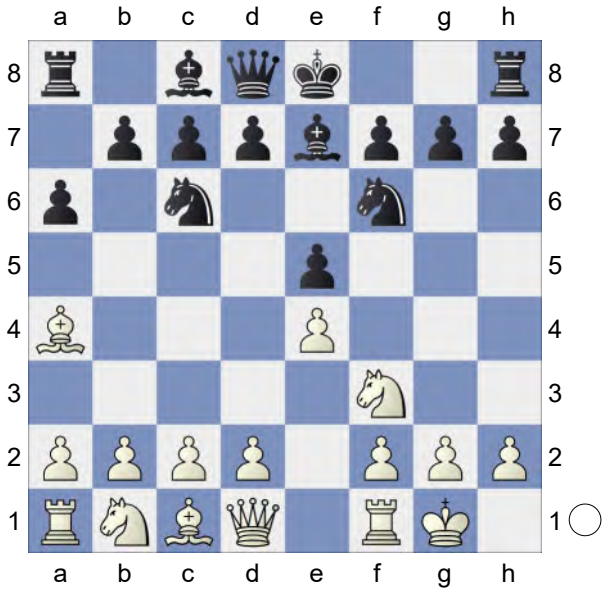
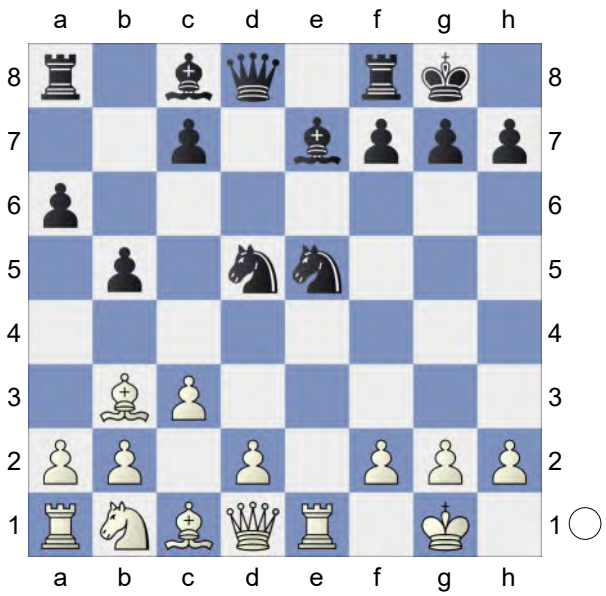
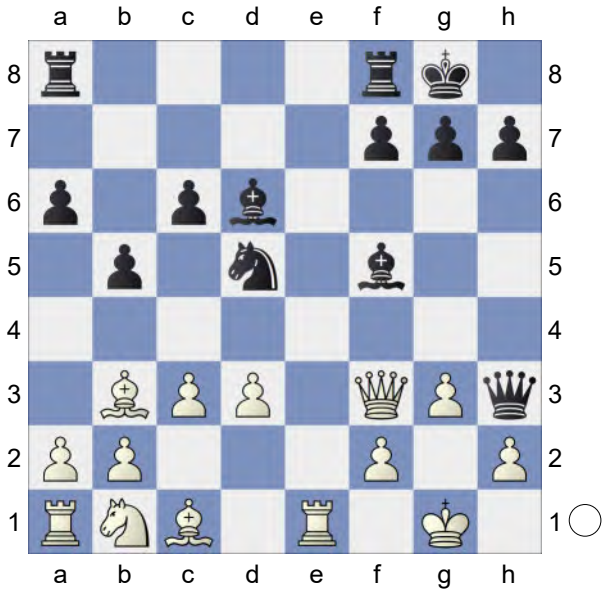


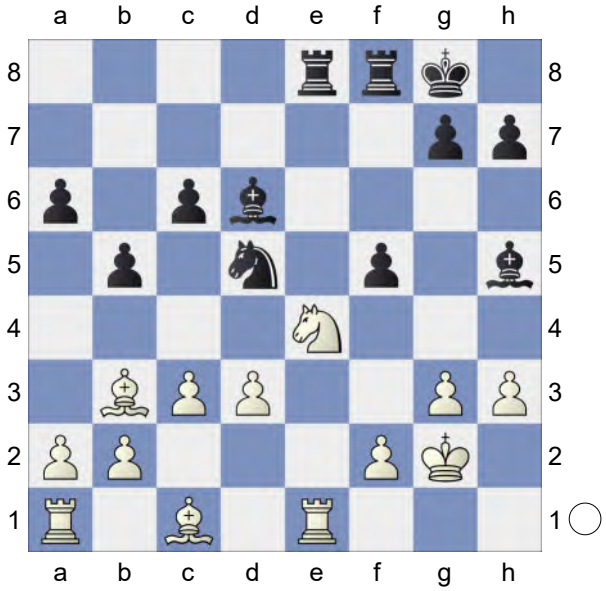
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



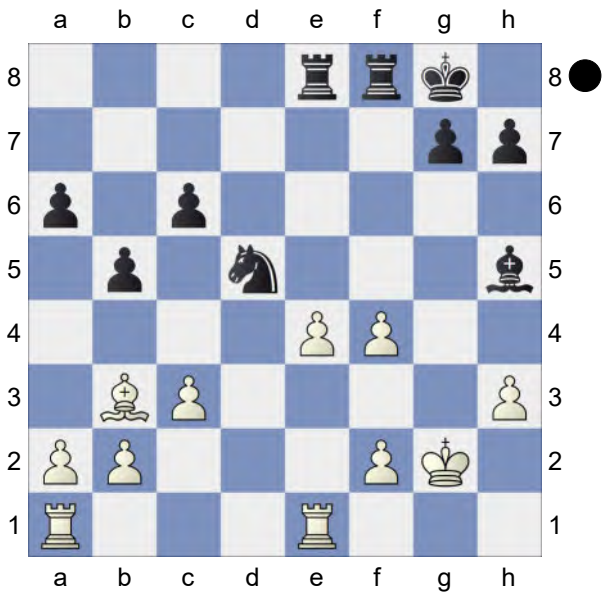
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[Don't play 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3



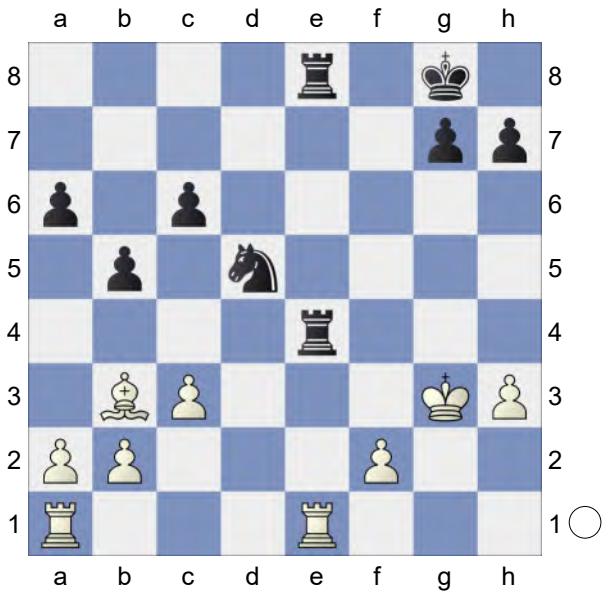
* **16.Nd2 Rae8! 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2** h2-h3 would now be deadly. **19...f5 20.h3 Bh5**



21.Bf4 Bxf4
[Reject 21...fxe4 22.Bxd6 Rf6 23.dxe4 Rxd6 24.exd5+-]
22.gxf4 Black must now prevent Bb3xd5+. **22...fxe4 23.dxe4**
(Diagram)

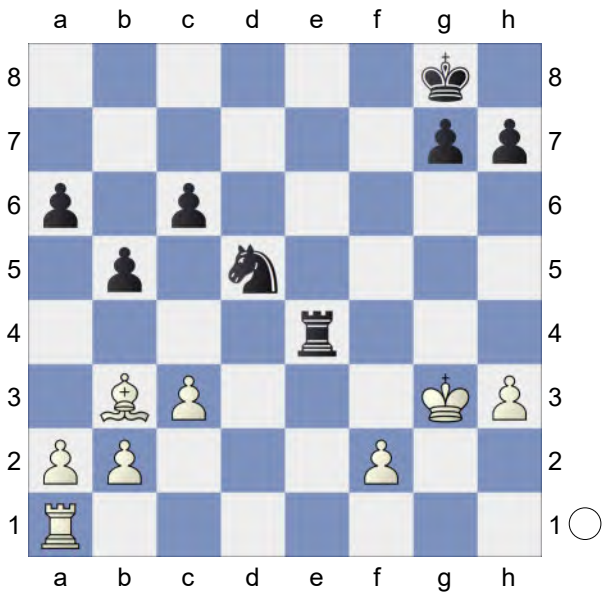


Pin **23...Bf3+!** Decoy **24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**



26.Rxe4 Rxe4± Diagram

(Diagram)



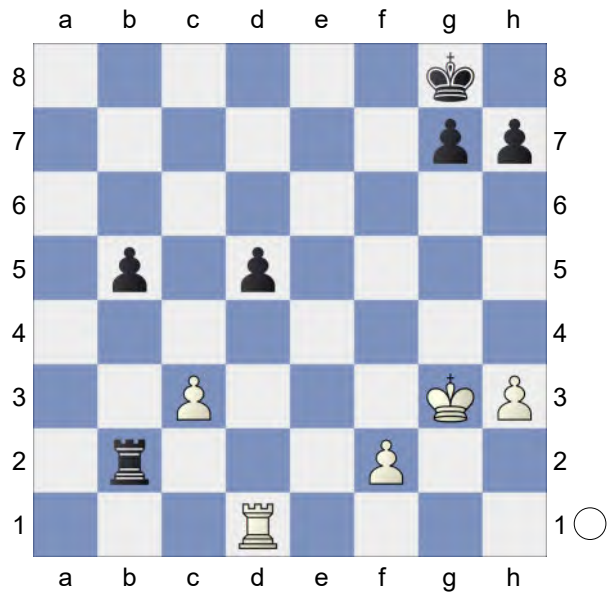
Endgame. KRB-KRN **27.a4N**

[27.f3 - 142/(127) Re5 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 a5 30.Rc1 Rg5+ 31.Kf2 Kf8 32.Bd3 *(32.Bf1 Ne7 33.Rc4 Rd5 34.Ra4 Ke8 35.Bc4 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Kd7 38.f4 Kd6 39.f5 Rh2 40.Bf1 Nd5+ 41.Kf3 Rc2 42.a4 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 Rc3+ 45.Kf2 Ne7 46.f6 gxf6* ½-½ Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Corus A Wijk aan Zee NED 2008 (13) *)* 32...Nb4 33.Bxh7 g6 34.Rd1 Nxa2 35.Ra1 Nb4 36.h4 Rh5 37.Bxg6 Rxh4 38.Kg3 Rd4 39.Rxa5 Rd2 40.b3 Rb2 41.Ra3 Kg7 Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) 124/(114) Wijk aan Zee 2015]

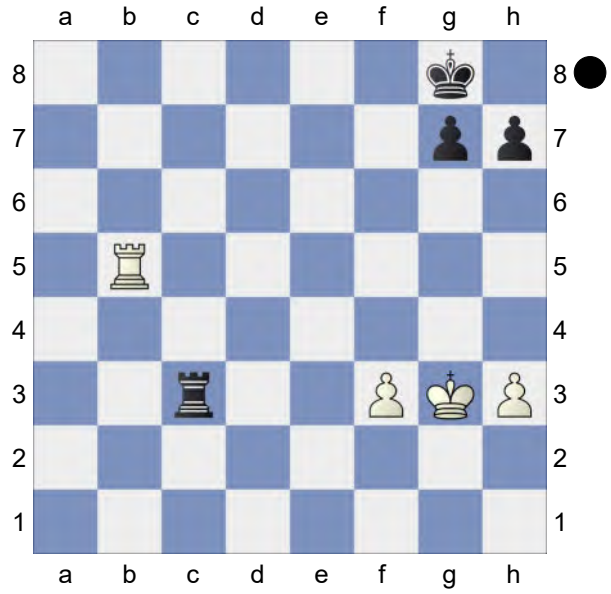
[27.Kf3 Rf4+ ½-½ Hammari,V (2120)-Aamodt,P (2188) Budapest FS09 IM 2024 (5)]

27...Re2! The position is equal. **28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rd1 Rxb2**

(Diagram)



31.Rxd5 Rb3 32.f3 Rxc3 33.Rxb5



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½-½

127 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2870**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2801**
Kolkata (rapid) 142/(128) 2019
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

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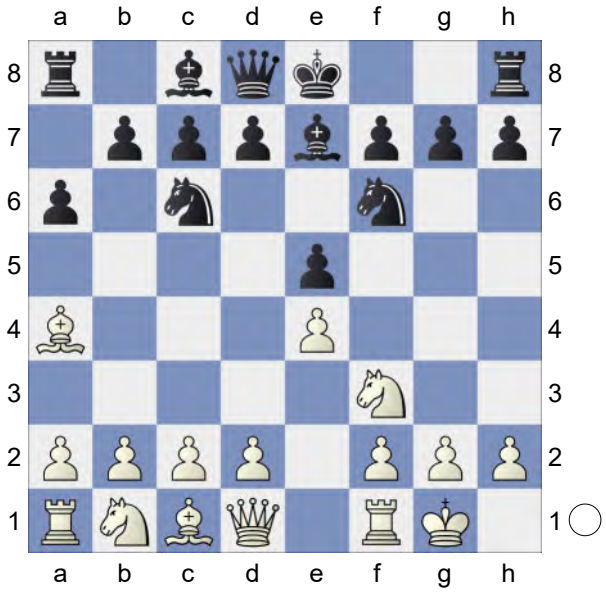
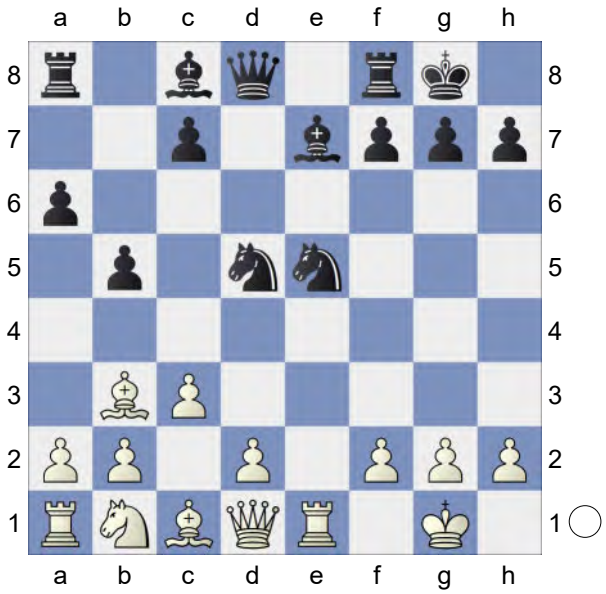
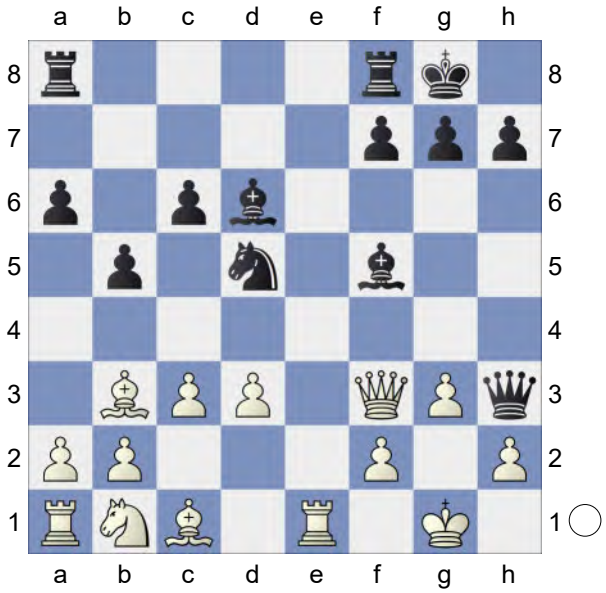


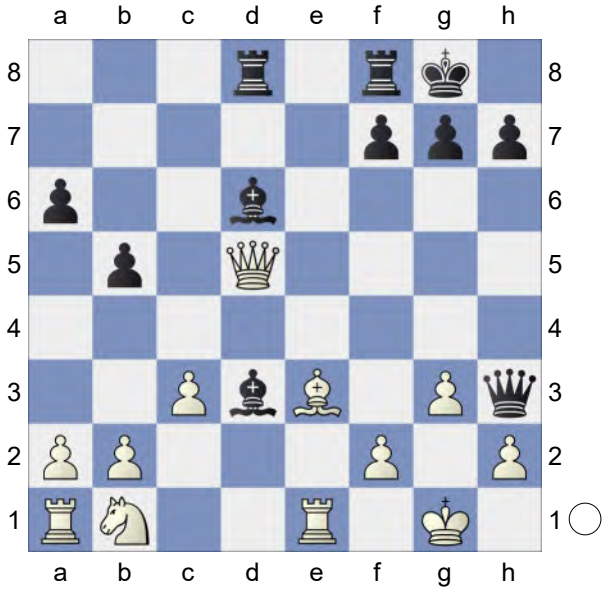
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5
14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3
[But not 15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]
15...Qh3

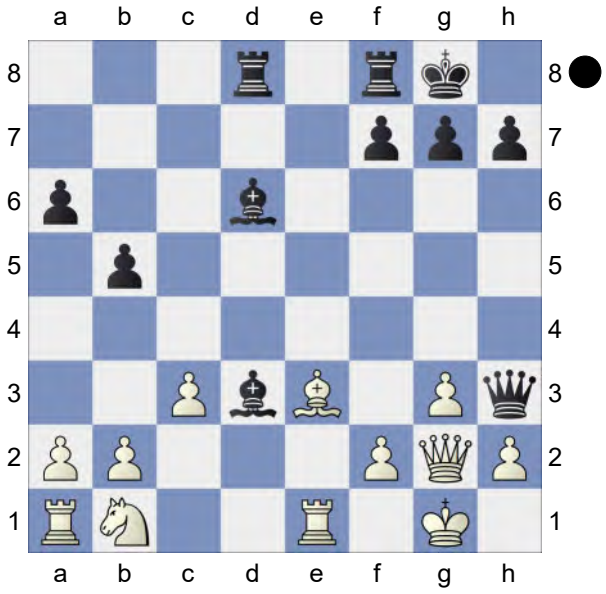


16.Be3 Bxd3 * White is slightly better.
17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8!



Strongly threatening ...Bd6-a3! **19.Qg2** Diagram
[19.Qxd3? too greedy. Bxg3 20.hxg3 Rxd3-+]
[19.Qf3 Bc4 *(19...Rfe8 20.Nd2 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bd4 f6 23.f3 b4 24.Ne4 Bc7 25.Kf2 bxc3 26.bxc3*

Rb8 27.Re2 Kf7 28.Rd1 h5 29.Bc5 Kg6 30.Bd4 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2548)-Anand,V (2785) Leon 18th rapid 2005 (1.2) *)* 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4 Bb8 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.f3 Qg6 24.a3 h5 25.Re2 Rd5 26.Rae1 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Bd6 28.Qf2 Rf5 29.Nxd6 ½-½ Anand,V (2799)-Aronian,L (2739) Nice (rapid) 102/(258) 2008]



19...Qc8!?N

[19...Qh5 - 101/264 20.Nd2 Bf5 21.Bd4 Be6 22.Qf3 Qg6 23.Qe4 Qh5 24.Qf3 Qg6 25.Qe4 Qh5 26.Qf3 The Dangerous D3-A231 Qg2 2009]

20.Nd2 Bf5

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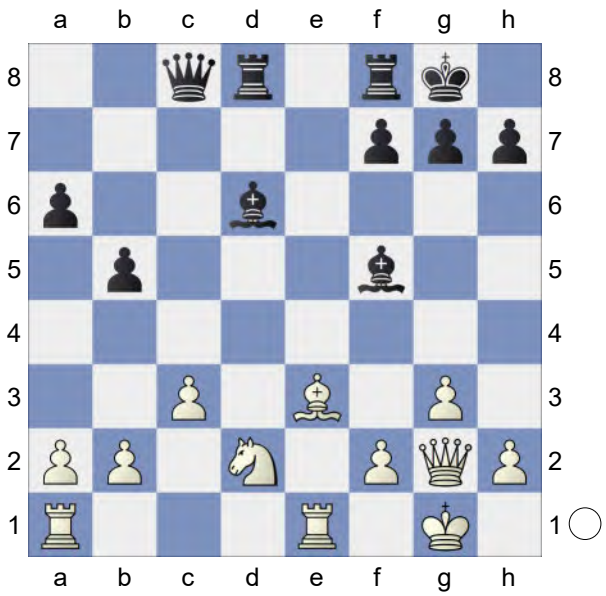
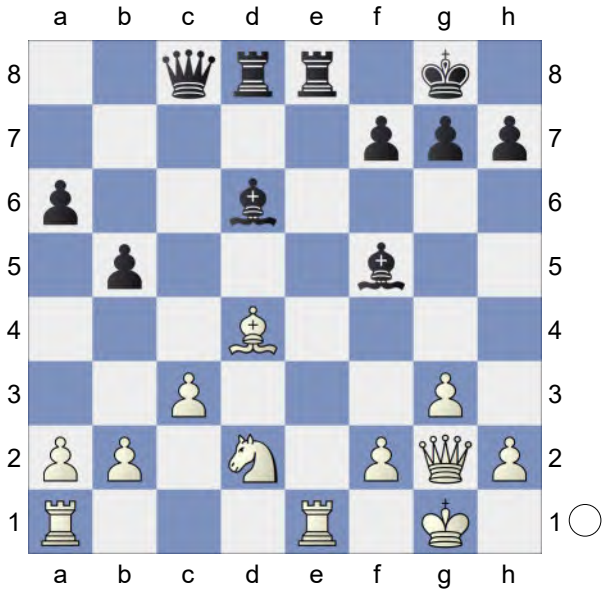


This pair of bishops is nice. **21.Bd4 Rfe8⩲**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

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□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2758**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
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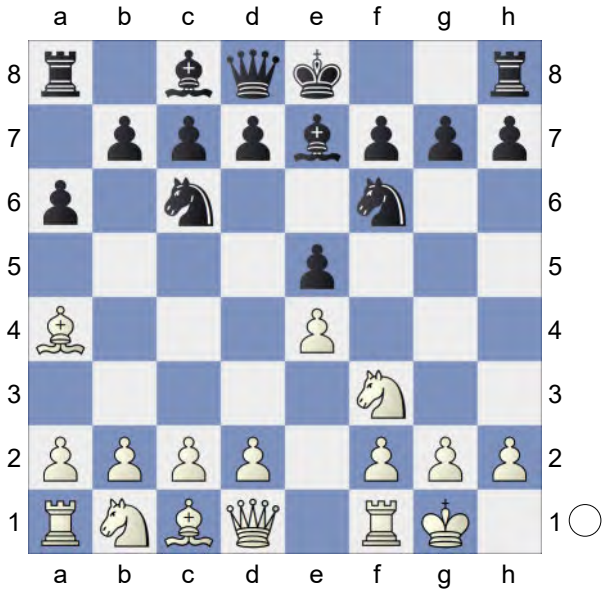
[Mikhalevski,V]

Milanovic,Danilo: 'After the loss in the second game Radjabov had to find the way to attack the Chinese star player. Ding repeated the Marshall line he used in his previous black games. Of course, no need to change the most efficient antidote!' **1.e4** Mikhalevski,V, MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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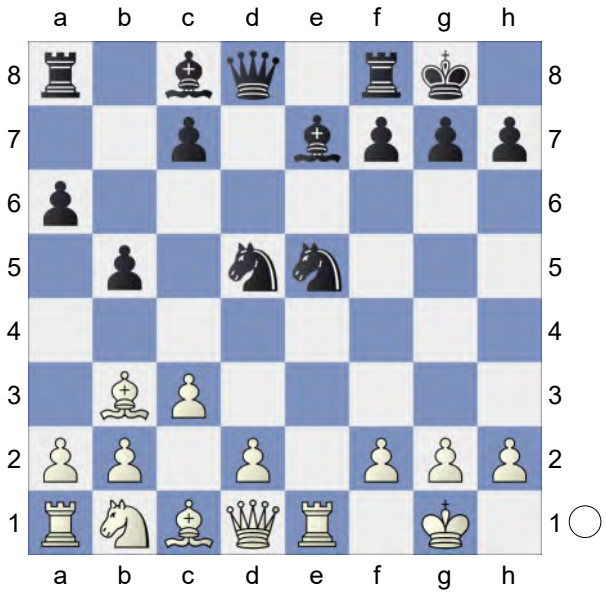
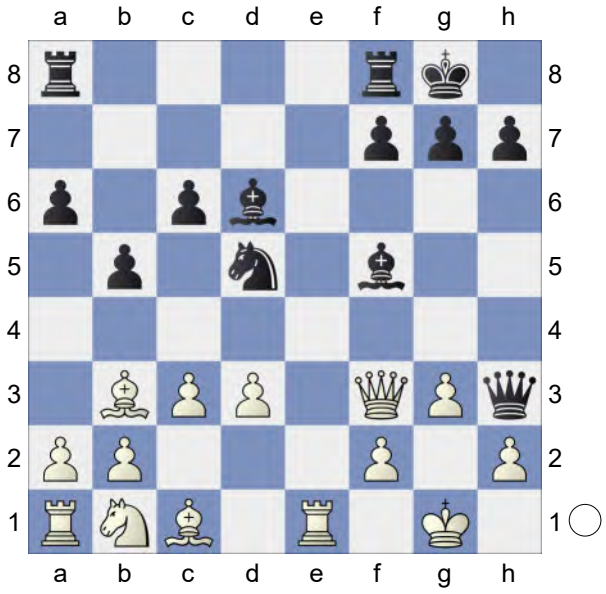


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 Milanovic, Danilo: 'Diagram



' **16.Be3**

[It was quite obvious that Radjabov did not have a clear plan in the first game of the final. Therefore he repeated the game he played against Ding in Shamkir 2019 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.a4

was the first new move compared to the Shamkir game. In actual fact, it did not change much in the course of the game *(27.f3 Re2 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Bxa6 g5 31.Bc4 Kg7 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.a4 h5 34.h4 Kg6 35.a5 Rb7=* Radjabov,Teimour 2756 - Ding,Liren 2812, Shamkir 2019 *)* 27...Re2 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bxd5+ cxd5 30.Rd1 Rxb2 31.Rxd5 Rb3 32.f3 Rxc3 33.Rxb5 1/2 : 1/2 Radjabov,Teimour 2758 - Ding,Liren 2811, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2019]

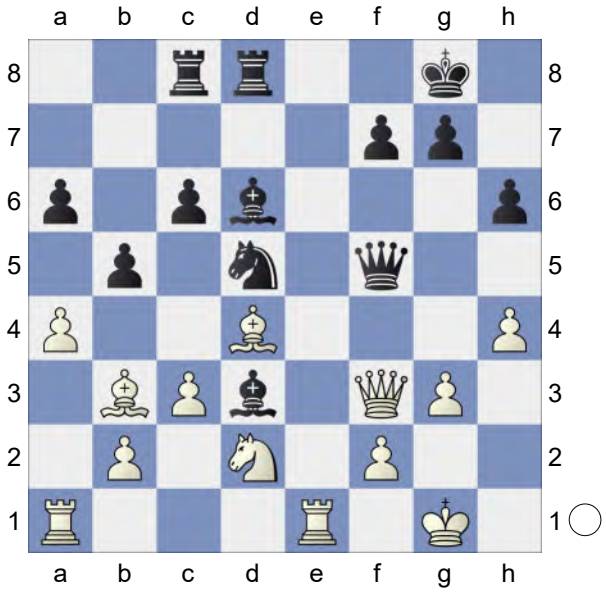
[White usually proceeds with 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 and if Black does not intend to complicate the play the equality should be reached after Qxg2+ *(* also, it might be intertesting to try *18...Qh5* Paravyan,David 2525 - Swiercz,Dariusz 2645, Moscow 2017 - 131/126 *)* 19.Kxg2 Bxd3⩱ and the bishop pair should guarantee enough compensation for the pawn. Usually, a draw is reached in the opposite-coloured bishop endings after the exchange of Black's dark-squared bishop for the knight.]

16...Bxd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Bd4 Rfd8 Milanovic,Danilo: 'Ding used the same continuation on several occasions, most recently against Karjakin only a month prior to the World Cup. He managed to draw that game with no trouble.'

[Levon Aronian usually options for 18...Rae8 and manages to defend the position quite easily.]

19.a4 h6 20.h4 Rac8 The current game is the third test of 20.h4 and in all of them the Chinese GM reacted with 20...Rac8. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram

[In a recent correspondence game White posed some problems after 20...Bf8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.g4! Qxf3 24.Nxf3 f6 25.Re6 but, Black can still hold after Kh7! 26.Nd2 *(* a forced draw is reached after *26.Rxc6 Be4 27.Nd2 Ra1+ 28.Kh2 Rh1+ 29.Kg3 Rg1+ 30.Kh2 Rh1+=)* 26...h5∞ Perry,Dan - Schakel,Corky, corr 2018]



' The current game is the third test of 20. h4 and in all of them the Chinese GM reacted with 20...Rac8. **21.Qxf5** The novelty. In two preceding games White captured the b5-pawn. Milanovic, Danilo: 'N' The novelty. In two preceding games White captured the b5-pawn.

[Earlier I analysed for you the first of these games. 21.axb5 So,W (2799)-Ding Liren (2769) Berlin GER 2018 [Mikhalevski, Victor] axb5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Ra5 *(23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Ra5 b4 25.Rxd5 Be6 26.Ra5 bxc3 27.Bxc3 Rb8⩱* So,Wesley 2799 - Ding,Liren 2769, Berlin (ct) 2018*)* 23...Qxf3 24.Nxf3 Re8 25.b4 f6 26.Ra6 Bf8 27.Ra7 Ra8=

Karjakin,Sergey 2750 - Ding, Liren 2805, Saint Louis 2019]

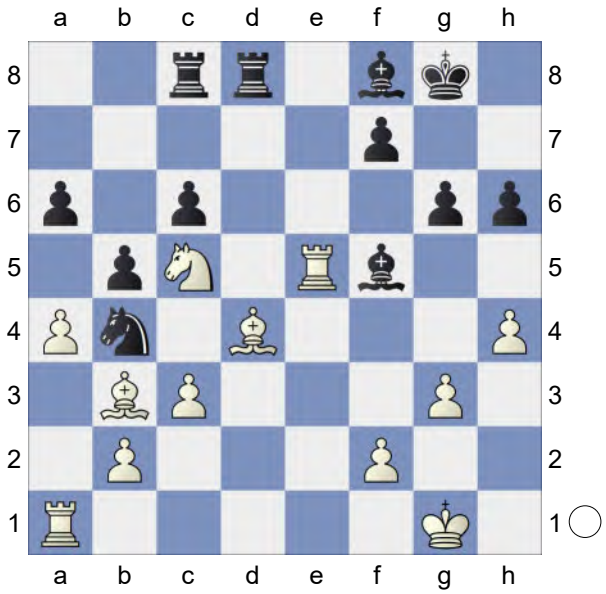
21...Bxf5 **22.Ne4** White would be happy to obtain the bishop pair advantage. Milanovic,Danilo: 'White did not exchange a-pawns trying to attack the a6-pawn soon'

[22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxd5 cxd5 transposes to the aforementioned game.]

22...Bf8 This retreat is not yet a mistake. Milanovic,Danilo: 'On his part, Ding chooses a more quiet move.'

[In an interview Radjabov mentioned Milanovic,Danilo: 'After the game Radjabov remarked that Black could have reached the equality after' 22...c5! as an equalizer. Let's try to understand what he meant. 23.Nxd6 *(23.Bxd5 cxd4 24.Bb7 Rb8 25.Bxa6 bxa4 26.Rxa4 dxc3 27.bxc3 Bf8⩱)* 23...Rxd6 24.Be5 Rd7 Black is ready to play 25...f6 and exchange one of White's bishops. Black is ready to play 25...f6 and exchange one of White's bishops. 25.c4 *(25.axb5 axb5 26.c4 Nb4* transposes to 25. c4.*;* After *25.Bd1 f6 26.g4 Bd3 27.Bg3 b4 28.Rc1 bxc3 29.bxc3 g5* Black is fine thanks to his good minor pieces. Black is fine thanks to his good minor pieces.*)* 25...Nb4! A temporary pawn sacrifice. 26.axb5 axb5 transposes to 25.c4. 27.cxb5 c4 28.Ba4 Nd3 29.Re3 Nxe5 30.Rxe5 g6! Black is going to play 31...Rd2. Milanovic,Danilo: '=' Black is going to play 31...Rd2. 31.Rc1 Rd2 32.b3 *(*or *32.Bb3 Rxb2 33.Bxc4 Kg7 34.Ree1 Bd7=)* 32...Bc2! 33.Re3 Kg7 34.b6 Rb8 35.Rc3 Bd1! 36.Rxc4 Rxb6 37.R4c3 g5 and the bad position of the bishop on a4 yields Black equal chances.]

23.Nc5 The same tactics. White attacks the a6-pawn and hopes to obtain the bishop pair. The same tactics. White attacks the a6-pawn and hopes to obtain the bishop pair. **23...Nb4** An interesting tactical resource. Black creates a threat of 24...Bxc5 and 15...Nd3. An interesting tactical resource. Black creates a threat of 24...Bxc5 and 15... Nd3. **24.Re5** Radjabov avoids a fork on d3 with tempo. **24...g6** Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



' **25.axb5** Milanovic,Danilo: '!'

[It is necessary to capture on b5, as the following variation proves it: 25.Ne6 Bxe6 26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Bxe6+ Kh7 28.Bxc8 Nc2! and White cannot play Rc1.]

25...cxb5

[25...axb5 26.Ra7↑]

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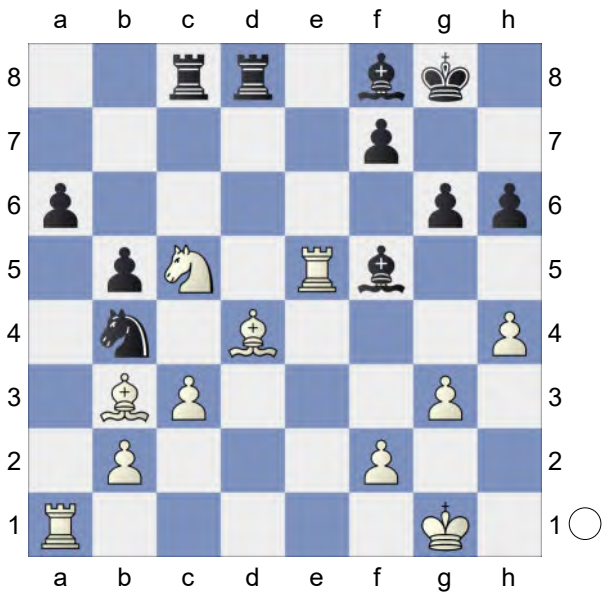
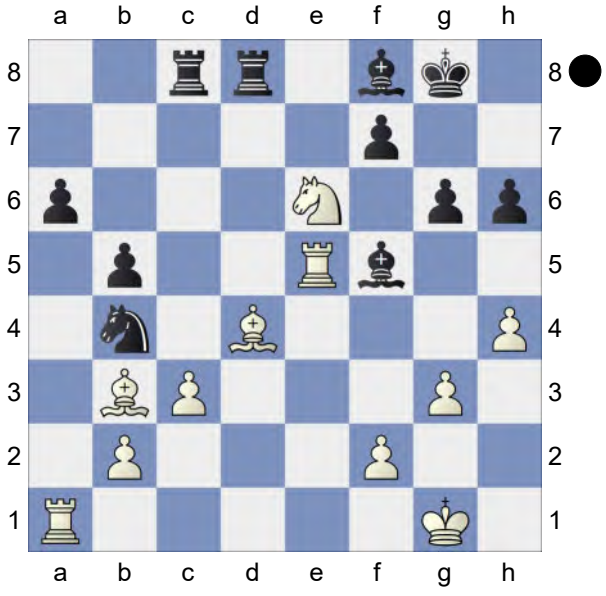


26.Ne6! A spectacular move, which is not as strong as it looks. Milanovic, Danilo: 'Diagram

[White does not gain much in case of 26.Nxa6 Nc6 27.Rxb5 Nxd4 28.cxd4 Rxd4 29.Rb7 Rd7⩲]



' A spectacular move, which is not as strong as it looks. **26...Bxe6**

[26...fxe6? 3.11/24 would be bad because of Mikhalevski,V, MH: '26... Bf5xe6 0.29 would be bad because of' 27.Rxf5!+- Nd5 Mikhalevski,V, MH 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Rxa6+-]

27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Bxe6+ Kh7 29.Bxc8

[29.cxb4? Mikhalevski,V, MH Rc6-+]

[29.Bf6 (Mikhalevski,V, MH) with more complications. Nd3 30.Rxa6 Bc5 31.Kg2]

29...Rxc8 This move leads to the loss of a pawn, but Black retains good drawing chances due to the limited material and a big chance of obtaining a theoretically drawish rook endgame with 3 pawns versus two on the kingside. This move leads to the loss of a pawn, but Black retains good drawing chances due to the limited material and a big chance of obtaining a theoretically drawish rook endgame with 3 pawns versus two on the kingside.

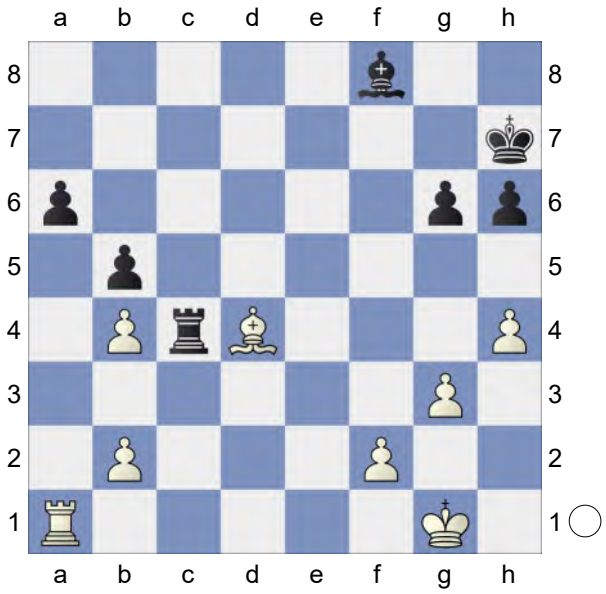
[Milanovic,Danilo: 'Obviously, White should have a slight edge in the opposite-coloured bishops ending, but still the game is much closer to a draw' 29...Nc2! A serious alternative to the text. Milanovic,Danilo: '!?' 30.Rc1 Nxd4 31.cxd4

A) 31...Rxd4 looks more risky, although it may not miss a draw yet. looks more risky, although it may not miss a draw yet. 32.Bxa6 Rb4 33.Bb7 Rxb2 34.Be4 Kg7 35.Rc7+ Kf6 36.Rc6+ Ke5 *(36...Ke7 37.Rxg6)* 37.Bxg6± when White won a pawn, but Black retains drawing chances thanks to his passed b-pawn. when White won a pawn, but Black retains drawing chances thanks to his passed b-pawn.;

B) 31...a5! 32.Ba6 *(32.Rc7+ Bg7 33.Ba6 b4 34.b3 Rxd4 35.Bc4)* 32...Rd5!? *(32...Bg7!?)* 33.Rc7+ Kh8 34.Rb7 Bg7 35.Bxb5 Bxd4

and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36. .. Bxb2 allow Black to equalise. and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36...Bxb2 allow Black to equalise. and threats of 36...Rf5 and 36. ..Bxb2 allow Black to equalise.]

30.cxb4 Rc4 Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



At this point, White had more than an hour of advantage on the clock. Radjabov was well prepared, but it seemed like Ding was caught by surprise in a way. Now, Radjabov thought for a while and made the right decision' **31.Bf6!**

[31.Be5 0.09/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '31.Bd4-f6 0.76' Bg7 32.Bxg7 *(32.Bd6 Rc6=)* 32...Kxg7 33.Rxa6 Rxb4 and if White decides to defend the pawn, his rook will end up being passive for a long time 34.Ra2 Kf6=]

31...Bg7! Exchanging the dark-squared bishops is the correct tactic while down a pawn. Exchanging the dark-squared bishops is the correct tactic while down a pawn. **32.Be7!** Obviously Timour tries to keep his bishop on the board.

[Much weaker is 32.Rxa6 Mikhalevski, V, MH Bxf6 33.Rxf6 Rxb4=]

32...Rc6 Milanovic,Danilo: '?!'

[After Milanovic,Danilo: 'Once again DIng postpones the concrete solution which would lead to a drawish conclusion:' 32...Bxb2!? 33.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Threatens to win with Ra6-b6.' Bc3 34.Kg2 *(34.Rb6 Bxb4 35.Bf6 Kg8! 36.Rxb5 Bc5 37.Rb2 Kf7±)* 34...Bxb4 35.Bf6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' White threatens Ra6-a8 and mate.' Kg8 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' 36.Be5 g5 1.18/22 *(Better is 36...Kf7±* 0.60/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH*)* 37.Rxh6 0.59/24 *(37.hxg5!±* 1.18/22 Mikhalevski,V, MH *hxg5 38.Rb6)* 37...gxh4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '±' 38.gxh4 Bc3 39.Bg3 b4 Black shouldn't have any problems to hold.]

33.Ra2 Kg8?! An inaccuracy. Black had to trade bishops and keep his g6-pawn protected.

[For some mysterious reason the Chinese GM avoids a bishop trade during the next couple of moves and finds himself in trouble. For some mysterious reason the Chinese GM avoids a bishop trade during the next couple of moves and finds himself in trouble. 33...Be5! with the idea of 34...Bd6 was good. For example, with the idea of 34...Bd6 was good. For example,

A) After 34.Bc5 0.17/24 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '34.b2-b3 0.71' Bd6 White has no time for White has no time for 35.Ra3 Bxc5 36.Rc3 due to Bxf2+! 37.Kxf2 Rxc3 38.bxc3 Kg7 39.Ke3 Kf6 40.Kd4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' c3-c4 would now be deadly.' Kf5 41.Kc5 h5 42.Kb6 Kg4 43.Kxa6 Kxg3

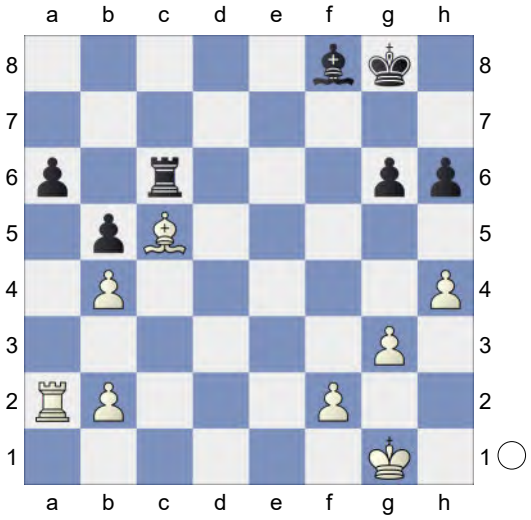
44.Kxb5 Kxh4 45.c4 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Black must now prevent c4-c5. ' g5 46.c5 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' c5-c6 is the strong threat.' *(46.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 46...g4 47.c6 *(47.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 47...g3 48.c7 *(48.Ka6!? Mikhalevski,V, MH)* 48...g2 49.c8Q g1Q=;

B) 34.b3 Bd6 35.Re2 Mikhalevski, V, MH: '!' Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' And now Re2-e6 would win.' Kg7! 36.Re6 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Bxe7 38.Rxe7+ Kf6 39.Ra7 Mikhalevski, V, MH: '!' Ra1 40.g4 Ra3 41.f3 Rxb3 42.Rxa6+ Kg7 with equal chances.]

[33...Bd4?! is less accurate due to is less accurate due to 34.b3± Rc3 35.Kg2 *(35.Rxa6* 0.12/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '35.Kg1-g2 0.79' *Rxg3+)* 35...Rxb3 36.Rxa6 Rb2 37.Kf3 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Prevents Rb2-e2' Rxf2+ 38.Ke4± the active king may play a vital role in this endgame, especially with the b-pawns still alive on the board.]

34.Bc5 Kf7? Only this move seems to be a mistake, which puts Black on the edge of a precipice. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Ding makes yet another inacurrate move. The black king stands better on g7, and the game continuation proves it. ' Only this move seems to be a mistake, which puts Black on the edge of a precipice.

[Milanovic,Danilo: 'Instead, Black should have gone for the rook ending after' 34...Bf8! was necessary. Once again White has no time to pin the bishop on c5. However, this time he retains winning chances after Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



or' was necessary. Once again White has no time to pin the bishop on c5. However, this time he retains winning chances after

A) 35.Kg2

A1) 35...Bxc5 36.bxc5 Rxc5 2.08/24 *(36...Kf7±* 1.35/21 (Mikhalevski,V, MH) was called for. *)* 37.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-' Kg7 38.Rb6+-;

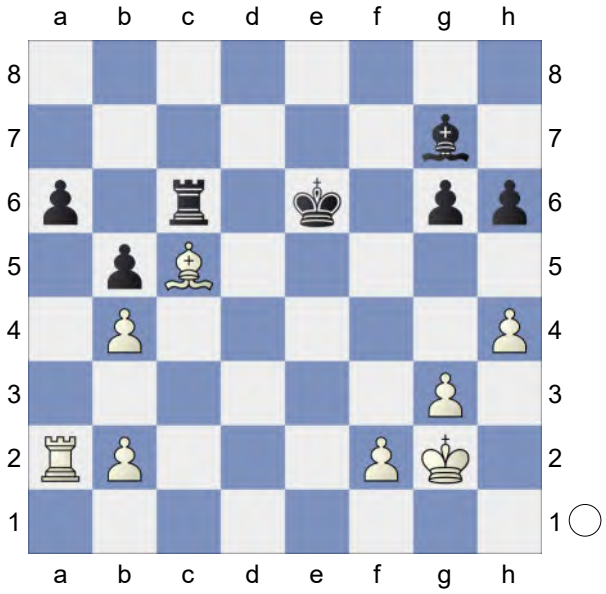
A2) 35...Kg7! Black must defend his pawns before the bishop swap 36.Ra1 Mikhalevski, V, MH: '!' Bxc5 37.Rc1 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Kf6 38.Rxc5 Rd6 with a drawish conclusion;

B) 35.Ra3 Bxc5 36.bxc5! *(36.Rc3* 0.00/21 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '36.b4xc5 0.72' *Bxf2+!=)* 36...Kf7! The saving move. *(36...Rxc5?* 1.83/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '36...Kg8-f7 0.73' *37.Rxa6 Kg7 38.Rb6+-* is risky for Black. is risky for Black.*)* 37.b4 Ke6 38.Rd3 0.24/21 *(38.Kg2±* 0.73/22 Mikhalevski,V, MH*)* 38...a5 Milanovic,Danilo: 'and Black should be very close to a draw.' 39.bxa5 Rxc5 40.a6 0.08/27 *(40.Rb3±*

0.47/23 Mikhalevski,V, MH) 40...Rc1+ Mikhalevski,V, MH: '=' 41.Kg2 Ra1 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Prevents Rd3-a3.' 42.Rb3 Rxa6 43.Rxb5 h5 with a theoretically drawn endgame.]

35.Kg2 Ke6

[35...Bf8! was still the best practical chance. 36.Kf3 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '!' Bxc5 37.bxc5 Rxc5 38.Rxa6 Rc2 *(38...h5* 2.51/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '38...Rc5-d5 1.67' *39.Rb6±)* 39.h5!± with a dangerous position for Black in both cases. with a dangerous position for Black in both cases. gxh5 40.Rxh6 Rc5 *(40...Rxb2 41.Rxh5+-)* 41.b4+-]

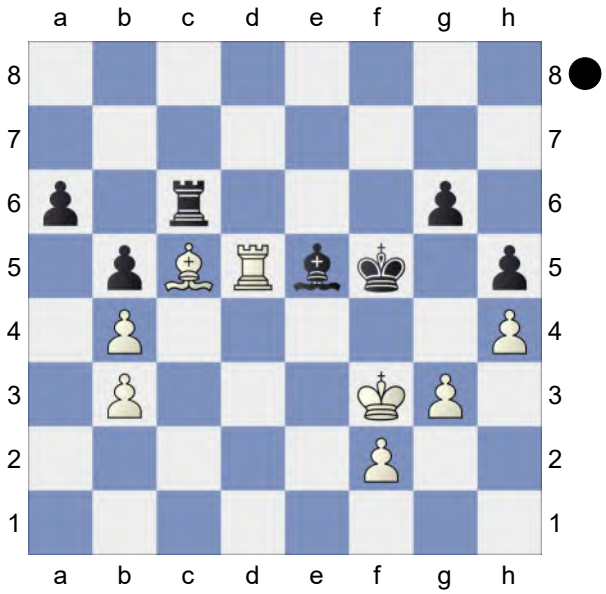


36.b3± Now Black is in trouble. **36...h5 37.Kf3 Kf5 38.Rd2** A very easy winning plan. White plays Rd5, then Ke4 and finally advances the f-pawn to f5. Milanovic,Danilo: '!' A very easy winning plan. White plays Rd5, then Ke4 and finally advances the f-pawn to f5.

38...Be5

[38...a5 3.74/27 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '?' Mikhalevski,V, MH: '38...Bg7-e5 1.35' 39.Rd5+ Ke6 40.Rg5+-]

39.Rd5 Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram



' **39...Ke6?** 2.58/25 It seems that Ding didn't believe in his chances any more. It seems that Ding didn't believe in his chances any more.

[39...Kf6! 1.38/28 was the very last chance to stay in the game. was the very last chance to stay in the game. Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' ±' Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' keeps fighting.'

A) 40.Ke4 Re6 is the idea behind keeping the king on f6. 41.Kd3 There is no concrete win after

A1) 41...Re8 42.f4 Bb2 2.30/26 *(42...Bb8±* 1.57/24 Mikhalevski, V, MH *43.Bb6 Kf7)*

A1a) 43.Bd4+ 1.21/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '43.Rd5-d6+ 2.05' Bxd4 44.Kxd4 Re6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '

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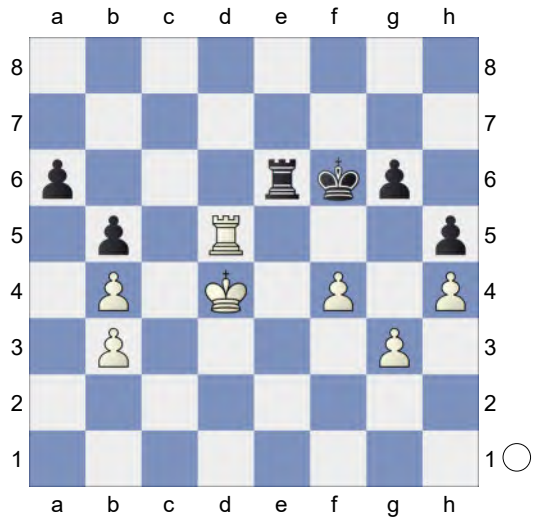
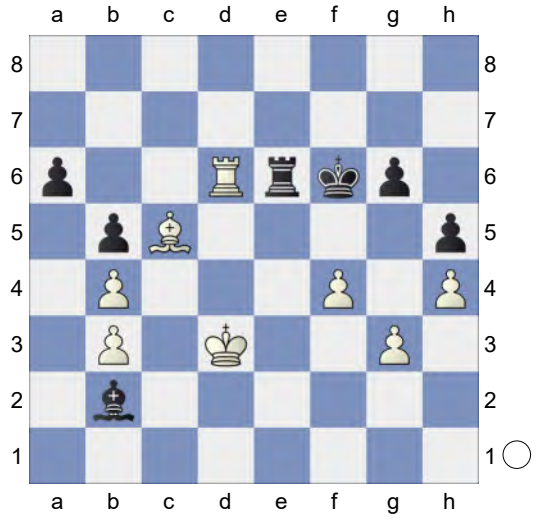


Prevents Rd5-d6.' 45.Kc5 0.45/25 (White should try *45.Rc5!±* 0.88/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH) 45...Re3;

A1b) 43.Rd6+! Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-!' 43...Kf5 (*43...Re6?* 4.48/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '43...Kf6-f5 2.36



' *44.Bd4+! Bxd4 45.Rxe6+ Kxe6 46.Kxd4+-*) 44.Rxa6 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' aiming for Ra6-b6.' Rg8 with at least some counter-play after Kg4;

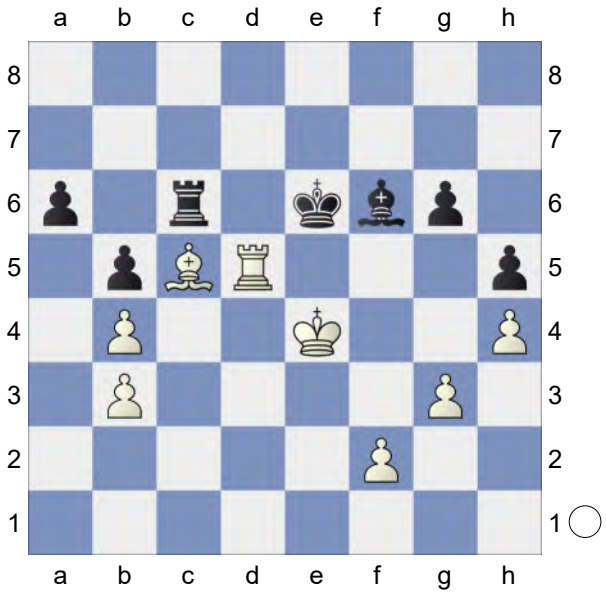
A2) 41...Kf7 42.f4 Bf6± 1.43/24 (⌓*42...Bb2* 0.96/26 Mikhalevski,V, MH);

B) White should play 40.Rd8± 1.59/25 (Mikhalevski,V, MH) Hoping for Kf3-e4. Bc7 41.Rc8;

C) 40.Rd3 Mikhalevski,V, MH Kf5;

D) 40.Rd2! -0.01/25 40...Kf5 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '=' 41.Rd1 Re6 (*41...Kf6* 2.73/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '41...Rc6-e6 1.26' *42.Ke4!*) 42.Rd5 Mikhalevski,V, MH: ' Strongly threatening Bc5-d4.' Kf6 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.Kxg4 Bc7± with practical chances to save the game.]

40.Ke4+- Now it's over. **40...Bf6**



41.f4 Bc3 3.19/25

[41...Kf7 2.02/24 (Mikhalevski,V, MH) was necessary. 42.Rd7+ Ke6]

42.f5+ Mikhalevski,V, MH: '+-' **42...Kf7**

[42...gxf5+ 43.Rxf5+-]

43.Rd7+ Kg8 4.83/24

[or 43...Ke8 3.20/24 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '⌓' 44.Rh7+- (*44.Re7+* Mikhalevski,V, MH *Kd8*) 44...gxf5+ 45.Kxf5 Rf6+ 46.Kg5 Rf3 47.g4 hxg4 48.Re7+ Kd8 49.Kxg4+-]

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[Weaker is 44.Kd5 Mikhalevski,V, MH Rf6±]

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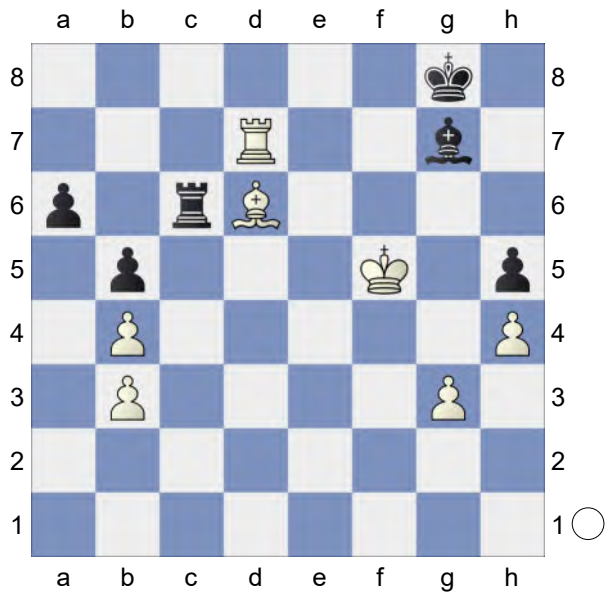
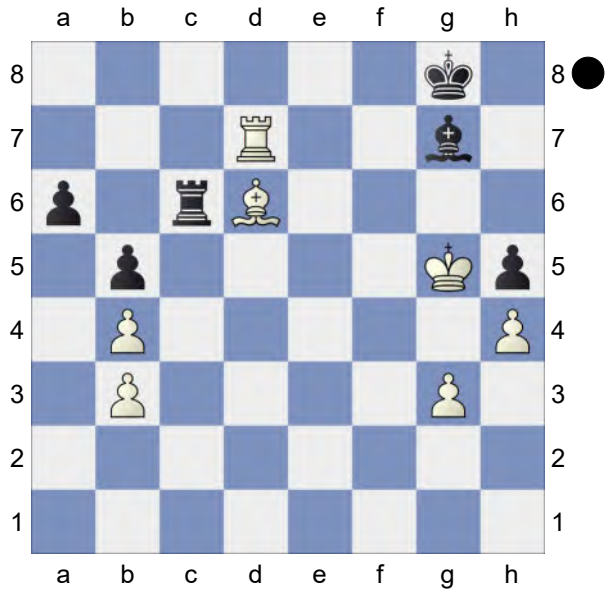


46.Kg5!

[46.Kg6?? -1.80/25 Mikhalevski,V, MH: '46.Kf5-g5 4.80' Bf8∓ 47.Kxh5 Mikhalevski,V, MH Rxd6-+ *(47...Bxd6? 48.Rd8+ Kf7 49.g4-+)*]



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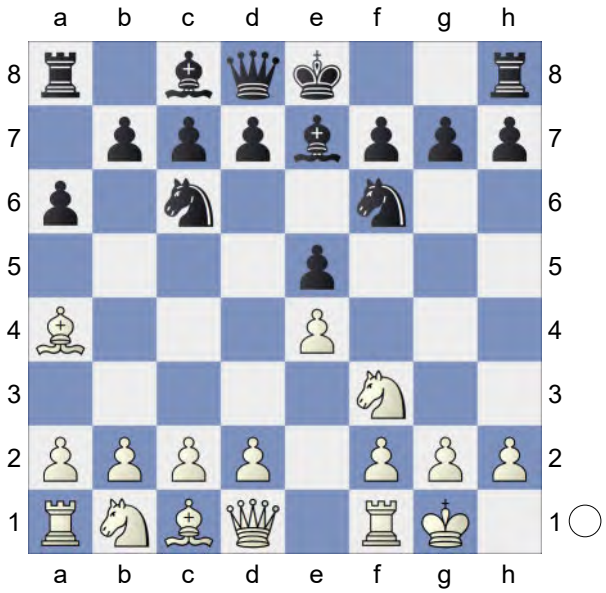
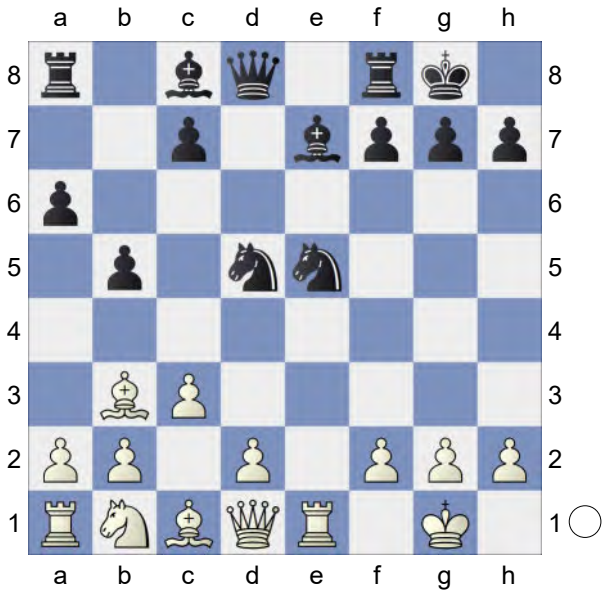
129 **C89**
□ **Anand,V** **2768**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2766**
6th Sinquefield Cup 2018 (7.3) 25.08.18
[Mikhalevski,Victor]

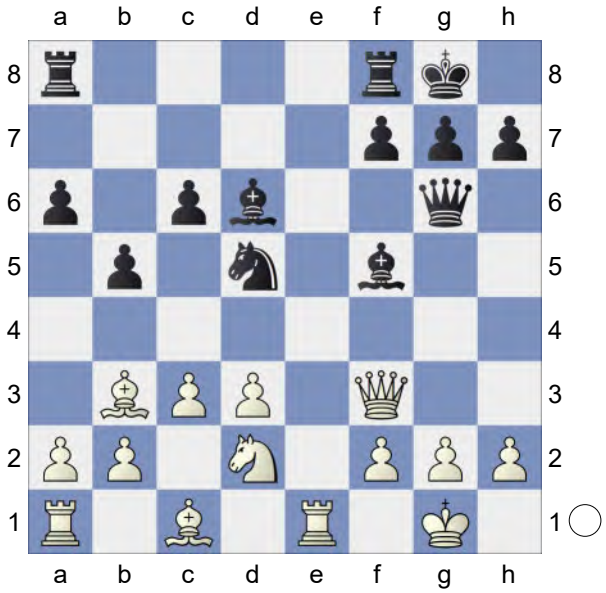
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1
Frankly, I don't understand why White thinks he can obtain an edge in this variation, as the ensuing position is symmetrical and Black is the first to create some tension in the centre. Grigoriants, Sergey: 'It's a harmless move. Black easily equalizes with d6-d5, followed by a6-a5.' **13...Bf5 14.Qf3 Qf6!** Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Of course, we must play d6-d5 and threaten to take on e4.'
[14...Qh4]
15.Nd2 Grigoriants, Sergey: 'A usual move to protect the e4 pawn.'
[15.Bxd5]
15...Qg6!



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[16.Ne4= Bg4!?]

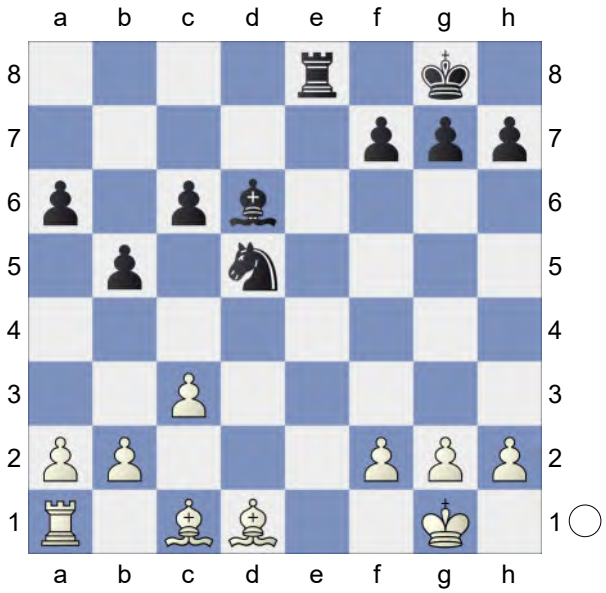
16...Bxd3!? Grigoriants, Sergey: '!' would transpose to the text.Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Simply preparing ♖d8.' **17.Ne4 Bxe4** Alex supports the centre. Alex supports the centre. Grigoriants, Sergey: '!' Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Black is in time. He safely protects the d5 pawn.' **18.Qxe4** Grigoriants, Sergey: 'White has no better option than to simplify in the center.' **18...Qxe4**

[18...f5! 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 and White has to repeat moves. 22.Kf1]

19.Rxe4 This move leads to massive trades and equality, but the alternatives are not better.Grigoriants, Sergey: 'The black queen on the X-ray on the d-file might seem scary, but black is just fine with some accurate moves.' **19...Rae8** Grigoriants, Sergey: '!'Grigoriants, Sergey: '- see the game.'

[19...Rfe8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

20.Rxe8 Rxe8



21.Kf1! This capture is necessary.

21...Bf4!

[21...Be5 22.Bd2-+ with a decisive advantage for Black. b4 is better. 23.Rc1 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bf4 25.Bxf4 Nxf4 26.Bf3]

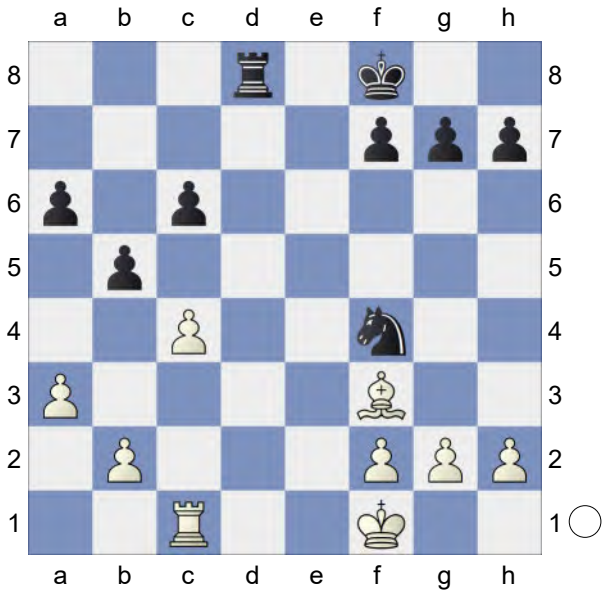
22.Bf3

[22.Bxf4?? Nxf4 23.Bf3 Nd5 *(23...c5)* 24.a4]

22...Bxc1! 23.Rxc1 Kf8!? The Russian GM protects the c7-pawn. Another option would be to counter attack White's a4 and c3-pawns. The Russian GM protects the c7-pawn. Another option would be to counter attack White's a4 and c3-pawns. Grigoriants, Sergey: '=!'Grigoriants, Sergey: 'The position is symmetric and drawish. The supergrandmasters agreed to a draw within a few moves.' **24.a3**

[24.b3 Re6 25.c4 Nb4!∓ and Black wins a pawn. 26.cxb5 leads to a draw by repetition after cxb5 27.a4 bxa4 28.bxa4 Nd3 29.Rb1 Nc5 Grigoriants, Sergey: '='Grigoriants, Sergey: 'Jakubowski-Andersen, Germany 2022' 30.a5 Re5 or 31.Be2 Ne6 and the b7-pawn is still untouchable.]

24...Rd8! A useful move, which secures the g7-square. **25.c4** Vishy liquidates to a draw. **25...Nf4**



26.Bxc6 Nd3 Black prefers to keep the

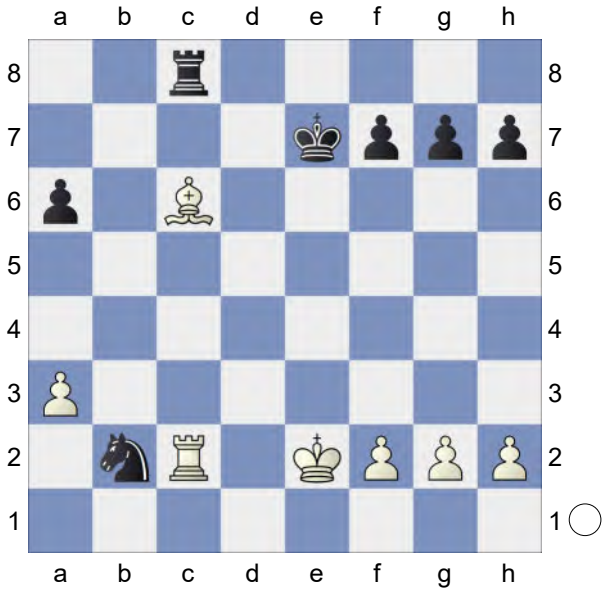
a5-pawn. **27.Rc2**

[27.Rd1! bxc4 28.Be4

A) 28...Ke7 29.Bxd3= cxd3!? 30.Ke1 Rb8 is also equal. 31.b4 a5 32.Rxd3 axb4 33.Rb3 Kd6 is completely equal too. 34.axb4!? Kd5 35.Kd2= and White can't take advantage of the pin on the c-file. or 35...Kc4 36.Rc3+ Kxb4 *(In case of 36...Kd5? 37.Rc5+±* Black's compensation for the pawn is insufficient. *Kd6?* would be wrong, as White can't restore the material balance. *38.Kc3)* 37.Rc7 Rf8 38.Ke3 with an equal endgame.;

B) 28...g6 29.b4 *(29.Bxd3* or *29...cxd3 30.Ke1 Re8+)* 29...f5 30.Bxd3 cxd3 31.f4 a5 32.bxa5 with a dead draw. Ra8? is dangerous in view of 33.Rxd3!∓ Rxa5]

27...bxc4 28.Rxc4 Nxb2 29.Rc2 Rc8 30.Ke2 Ke7



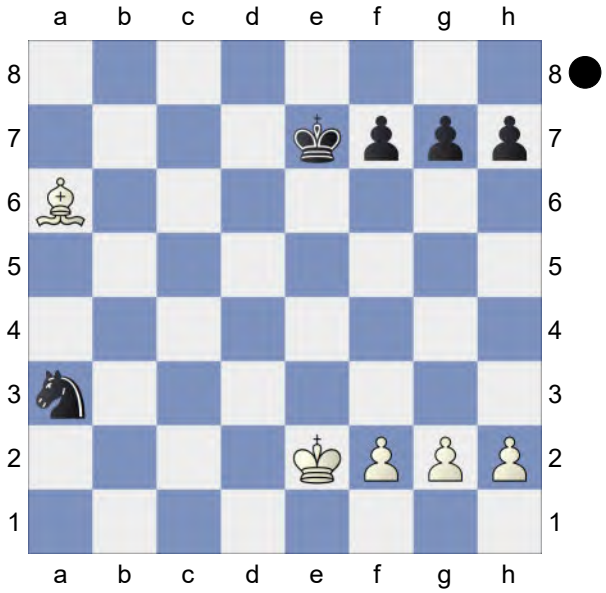
31.Be4 Rxc2+ 32.Bxc2 Nc4

A well-played game, which proves that White can't set serious problems in the line with 11.Nf1.11.b4 is a better try.

33.Bd3 doesn't change much.

[33.a4 Kd6 34.Bxh7 g6 35.h4 Ke5 36.h5 gxh5]

33...Nxa3 34.Bxa6



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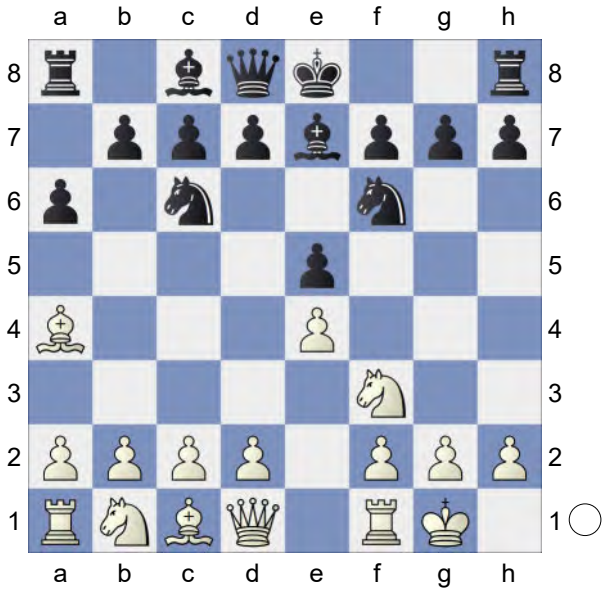
130 **C89**
□ **Saric,Ivan** **2644**
■ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2710**
FIDE Grand Swiss (2) 28.10.2021
[Saric,Ivan]

Saric,Ivan, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

' **1.e4** Saric,Ivan, MH Saric, Ivan **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



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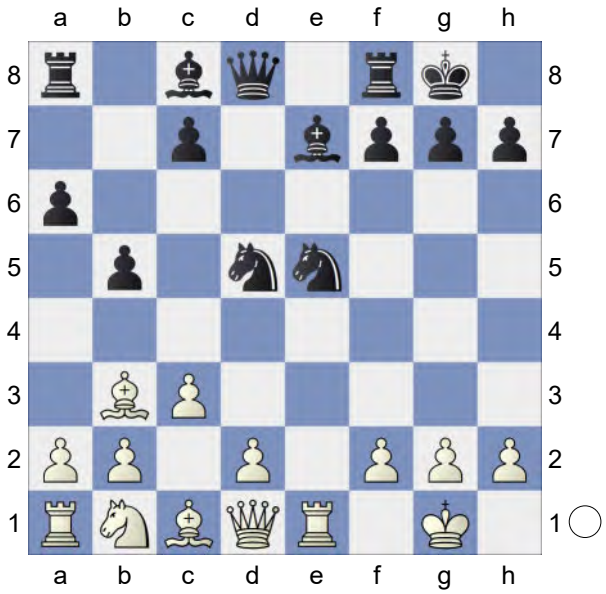
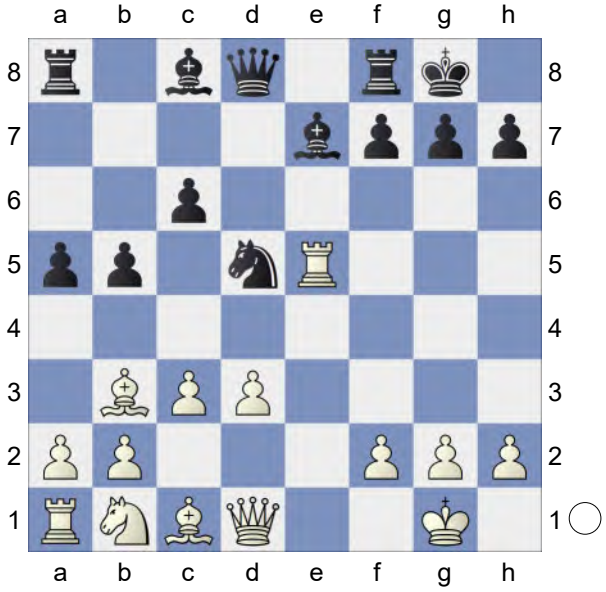


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 a5!?



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15...Re8?! The critical moment for Black. Although it is very logical to place rooks on e8 and d8 with the white pawn on d3, Black should have opted for classical Marshall style setup with rooks on e8 and f8, followed by the f5 plan.

[15...Qd7! was neccessary. was neccessary. 16.Nd2 Rae8 *(16...Bg4* Saric,Ivan, MH *17.f3 Be6 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.d4 Bd6 20.Bg5 f5 21.Bh4 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Bf2 g5 24.Ne3 Ref8 25.c4 Nxe3 26.Bxe3 bxc4 27.Bxg5 Bd5 28.h4 Rf7 29.Qf2 Rg6 30.Qd2 Bg3 31.Kf1* ½-½ Emelyanov,M (2532)-Sasikiran,K (2550) corr 2019 USA - A (USA) *Rfg7 32.Qe3 Re6 33.Qd2 Reg6 34.Qe3 Re6 35.Qd2 Reg6* 0-1 Emery,S (2029)-Joie,S (2353) Bern op 2023 (3) *)* 17.Ne4 Bg4! Provoking f3, which weakens the g1-a7 diagonal and also stops the white queen from reaching the f3-square.Provoking f3, which weakens the g1-a7 diagonal and also stops the white queen from reaching the f3-square. 18.f3 Bh5 Black's next move is f5, and he has enough

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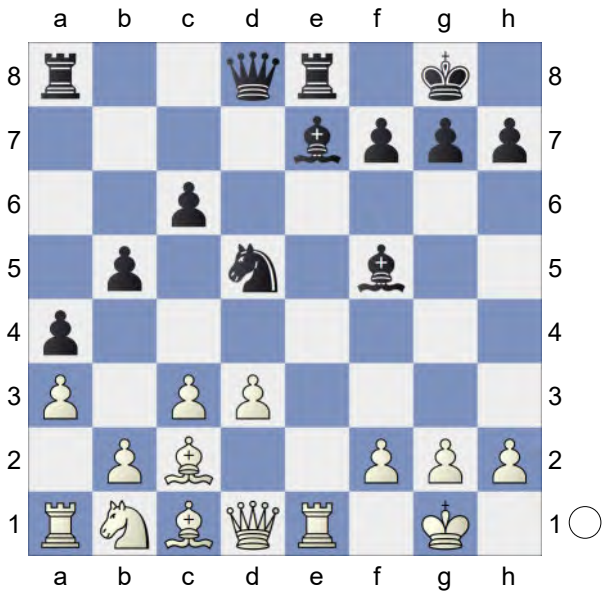

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[18...f4± 0.51/19 Saric,Ivan, MH 19.Ne4 Bg5]

19.Rxe8+ Saric,Ivan, MH: ' ±' **19...Qxe8 20.Bd2** Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' **20...Ra7** 1.34/20

[⌓20...f4 0.86/18 Saric,Ivan, MH]

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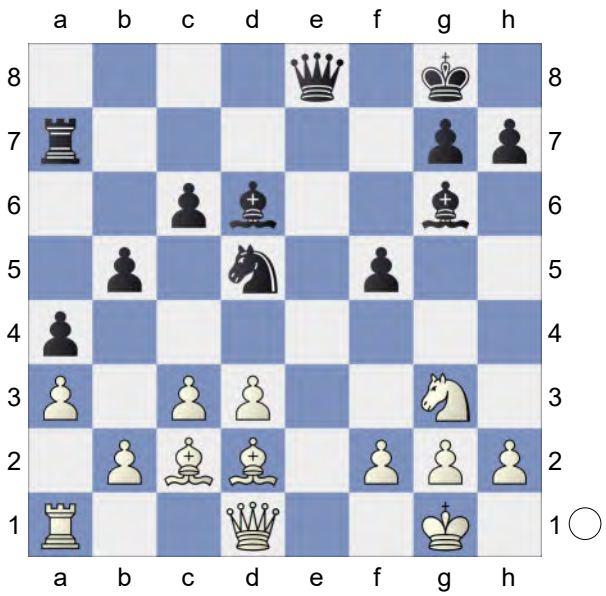

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23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Ne4 f3 25.g3!

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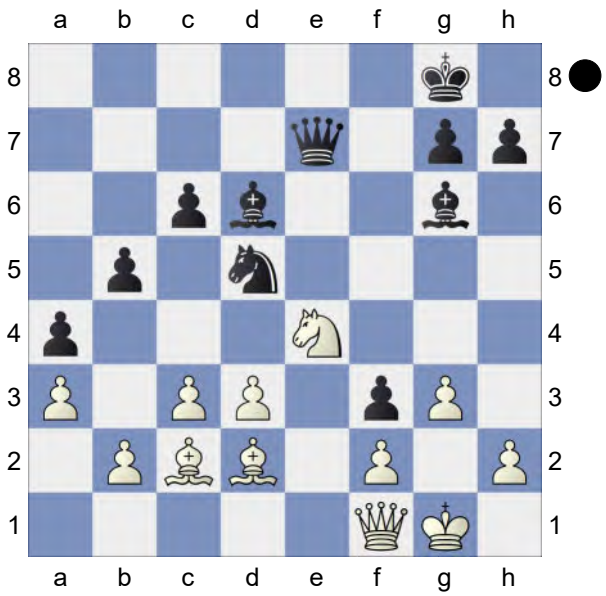

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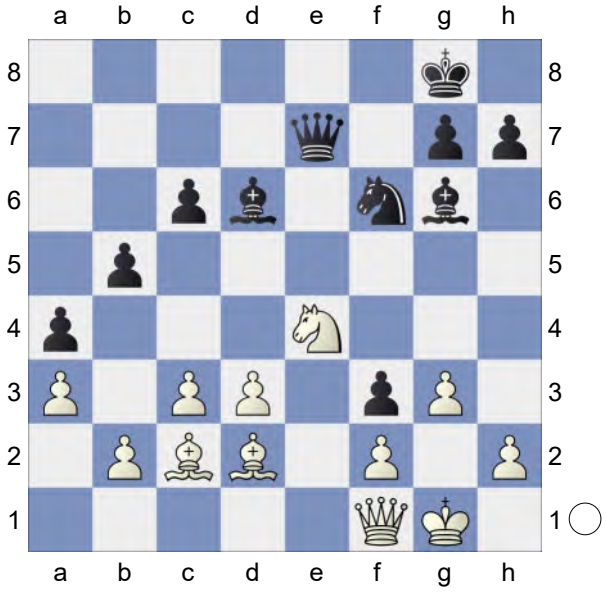
[25...Nb6± 1.45/20 Saric,Ivan, MH 26.Be3 Nd5]



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26...Bxe4 1.51/21

[⌓26...Qe6 0.83/22 Saric,Ivan, MH]

27.dxe4 Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Hoping for Qf1-d3.' **27...h6 28.Bxf6 Qxf6** Saric,Ivan, MH: 'Endgame. KQB-KQB' The opposite coloured bishops give some small hope to Black, but with precise play White should win this endgame. The opposite coloured bishops give some small hope to Black, but with precise play White should win this endgame. **29.Qd3 g5 30.h3** 1.02/23 Preparing Bd1. Preparing Bd1.

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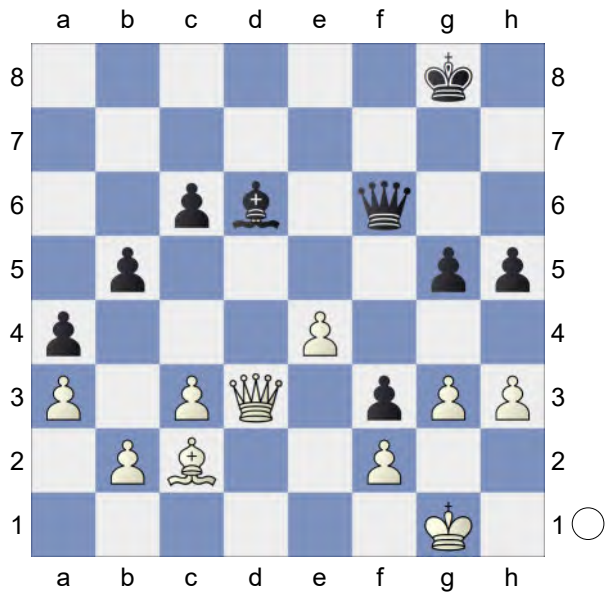

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[33.Qxc6 Saric,Ivan, MH hxg3 34.Kf1 gxf2 35.Qa8+ *(35.Kxf2 Qg3+ 36.Ke2 Qh2+ 37.Kd1 Qg1+ 38.Ke2 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qf4+ 40.Ke2 Qh2+=)* 35...Kg7 36.Qa7+ Bc7 37.Qxf2 Qd5=]

[⌓33.g4 1.17/23 Saric,Ivan, MH]

33...gxh4 1.24/23 Saric,Ivan, MH: '

[Black should play 33...Qf4 0.79/26 Saric,Ivan, MH 34.Be4 *(34.Qxc6 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qxh3+ 36.Ke2 Qg4+ 37.Qf3 Qe6+ 38.Kd1 gxh4±)* 34...c5 35.Qxf4 Bxf4]

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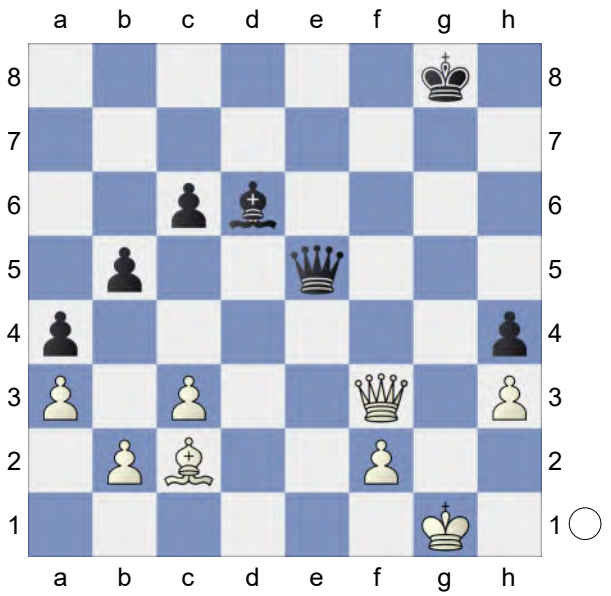


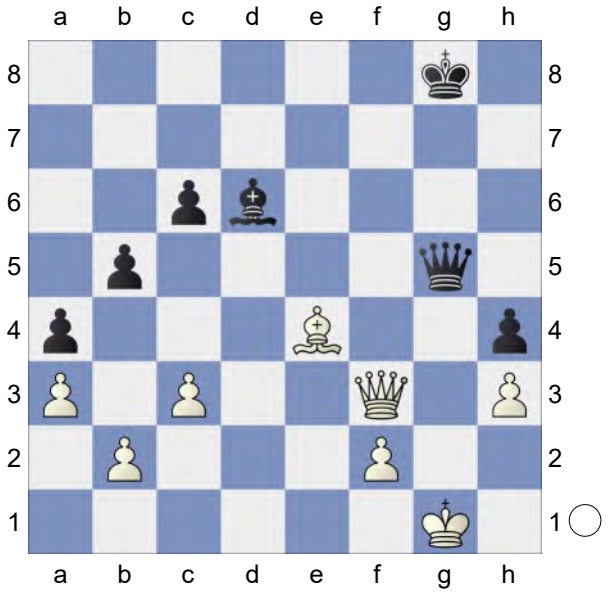
' **34.Be4** 0.76/23

[Resist 34.Qxc6 Saric,Ivan, MH Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qxh3+ 36.Qg2+ Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Bf4±]

[⌓34.Kf1! 1.24/23 Saric,Ivan, MH]

34...Qg5+ [#]

[34...c5 35.Qg4+ Qg7 36.Bc6 b4 0.90/31 *(36...Qxg4+± 0.48/28 Saric,Ivan, MH 37.hxg4 Bf4)* 37.axb4 cxb4 38.cxb4 Bxb4 39.Bxa4 Qxg4+ 40.hxg4 should be winning for White. should be winning for White.]

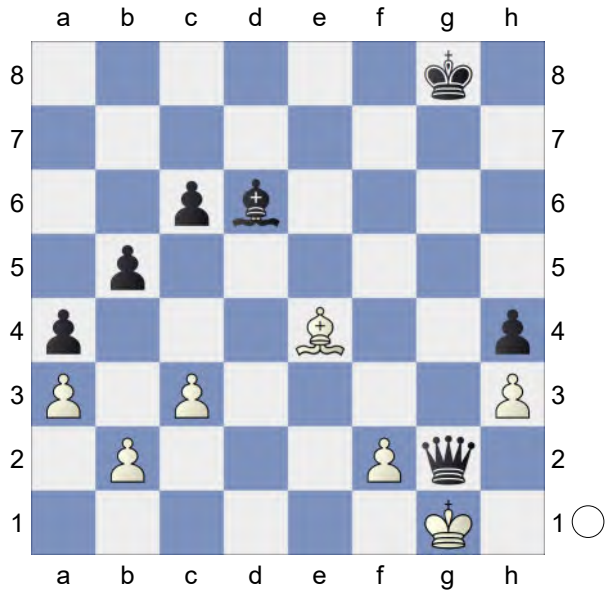


35.Qg2! Simplifying and entering into the won endgame.Simplifying and entering into the won endgame.

[35.Qg4! 0.55/27 Saric,Ivan, MH: '35. Qf3-g2 1.04' was also good, but I didn't like the idea of giving Black a passed pawn.was also good, but I didn't like the idea of giving Black a passed pawn.]

[35.Kh1 (Saric,Ivan, MH) keeps more tension. Qc1+ 36.Kg2 Qg5+ 37.Qg4]

35...Qxg2+



36.Kxg2 Saric,Ivan, MH: ' KB-KB' **36...c5 37.Bc6 b4**

[Black can take white pawns, but this gives White an outside passer. Black can take white pawns, but this gives White an outside passer. 37...Bf4 1.69/28 Saric,Ivan, MH: '37... b5-b4 0.88' 38.Bxb5 Bc1 2.49/30 *(38...c4* 1.96/29 (Saric,Ivan, MH) might work better. *39.Bxc4+ Kf8)* 39.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Saric,Ivan, MH: ' Ba4-b3+ is the strong threat.' Bxb2 40.Bb3+ Kg7 3.94/31 Saric,Ivan, MH: '?' *(40...Kf8* 2.33/34 (Saric,Ivan, MH) keeps fighting. *41.a4 Bxc3)* 41.a4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Saric, Ivan, MH: ' And now a4-a5 would win.' Bxc3 42.Kf3 The pawn on c5 is irrelevant, and with two passers White will easily win this endgame. The pawn on c5 is irrelevant, and with two passers White will easily win this endgame.]

38.axb4

[38.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH bxc3 39.Bb3+ *(39.bxc3 Kf7±)* 39...Kg7]

38...cxb4 39.cxb4

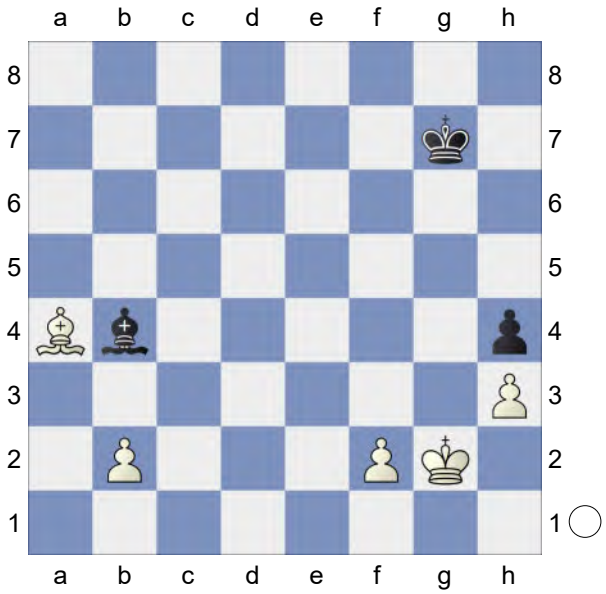
[39.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH bxc3 40.bxc3 Kf7±]

39...Bxb4 3.67/34

[39...Bc7 2.19/31 (Saric,Ivan, MH) was worth a try. 40.Bxa4 Kf7]

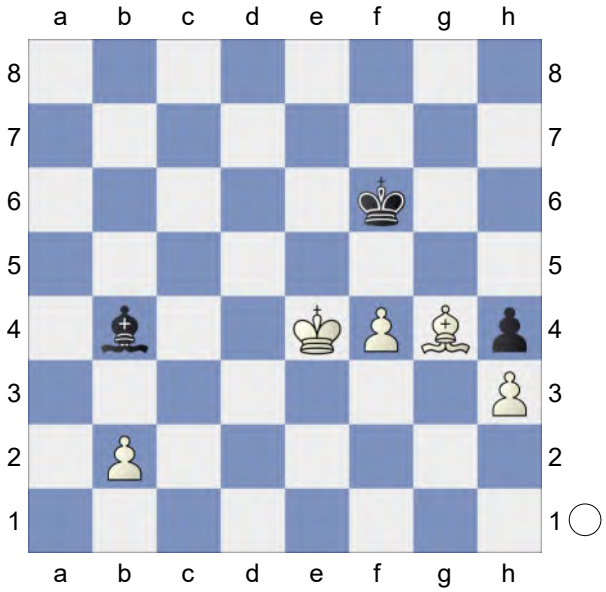
40.Bxa4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '+-' Without pawns on h4 and h3 White is also winning, but their existance can only help the stronger side.Without pawns on h4 and h3 White is also winning, but their existance can only help the stronger side. **40...Kg7** 5.51/34

[40...Kf7± 1.49/35 Saric,Ivan, MH 41.Kf3 Bc5]

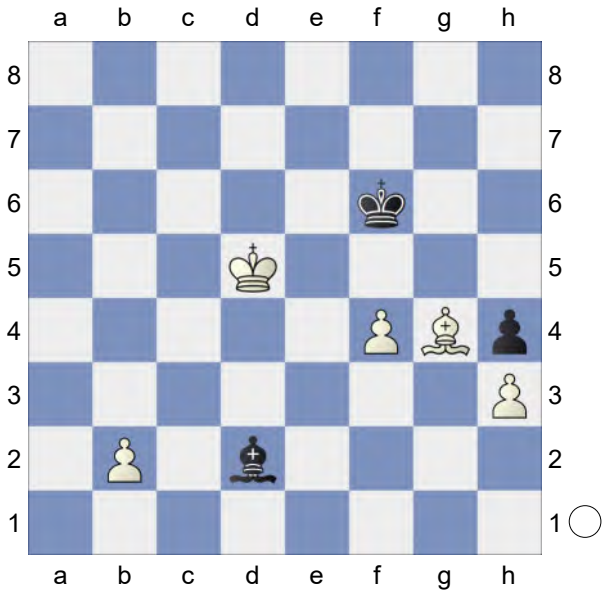


Saric,Ivan, MH: '?' Saric,Ivan, MH: '

Black cannot hold the game after this.'
41.f4 Bd6 7.87/31
[⌓41...Kf7 4.19/32 Saric,Ivan, MH
42.Bb3+ Ke7]
42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Ke4 Saric,Ivan, MH: '
Black must now prevent Ba4-d1.'
43...Bb4 8.29/34 Saric,Ivan, MH: '?'
[43...Bf8 3.14/29 Saric,Ivan, MH
44.Kf3 Ke6]
44.Bd7 Saric,Ivan, MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **44...Bd6 45.Bg4 Bb4**

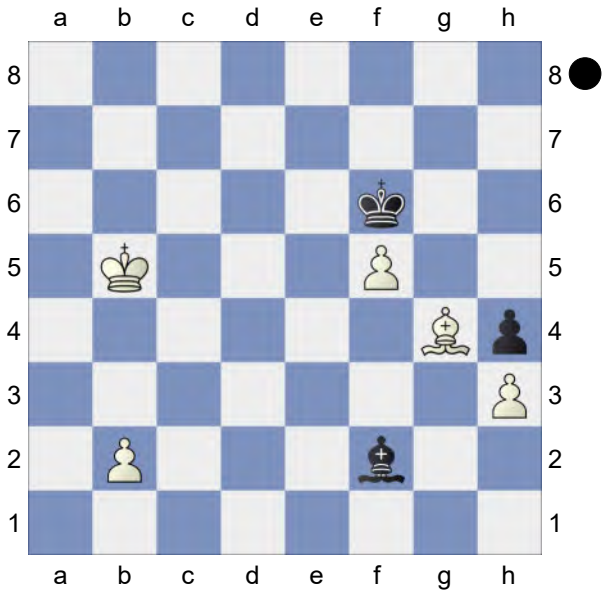


46.Kd5 Bd2 Saric,Ivan, MH: '



' **47.f5** Saric,Ivan, MH: '!' **47...Be1**

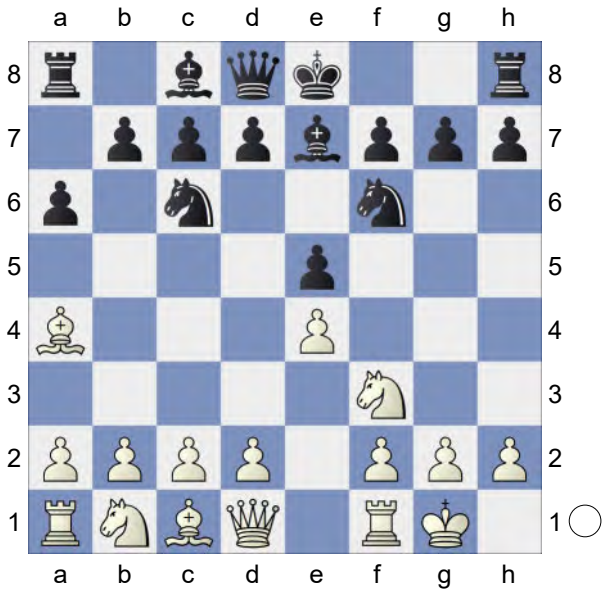
48.Kc5 Bf2+ 49.Kb5



Saric,Ivan, MH: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.52' Black can't stop b o t h p a w n s .Black can't stop both pawns.
1-0

131 **C89**
□ **Horvath,Dominik** **2505**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2668**
59th World Juniors 2022 (6.1) 16.10.22
[Kosten,Tony]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 White allows the Marshall Gambit. **8...Na5!?**

[There are over 100 games in the PGN Archive featuring 8...d5]

[8...d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 leads to the mainline Closed Spanish, *(10...d5!?* is a similar gambit to this game, and is covered in the Gajewski Variation ChessPub Guide. *)*]

9.Bc2 The most common, and also the preferred move of very strong GMs (and Stockfish 15!), who don't like conceding the bishop pair.

[9.Nxe5 is also sometimes played these days, Nxb3 *(9...d6?!* makes less sense, Black wants to play ...d5 in one go when White can't reply e4-e5. *10.Nf3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.d3* with a solid pawn more.*)* 10.Qxb3 *(10.axb3 Bb7 11.d3 d5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Qf3 Rfe8* is fine for Black, with his activity and bishops, Florea,V (1989) -Dehaybe,A (2017) LSS email 2015, 0-1 (33).*)* 10...Bb7 11.d3 d5 12.exd5 Re8 13.c4 Bc5 Black is temporarily two pawns down, but threatens nasty things on f2 and along the e-file, 14.Qd1! *(14.Bd2 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Rxe5* as *16.Rxe5? Ng4+)* 14...Qd6 15.d4 Ba7 *(15...Bb4!? 16.Bd2 bxc4)* 16.b3 *(16.Nc3 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Qb4* regaining one of the d-pawns, Paleckis,E (2439)-Svrsek,R (2372) Remote email 2013, ü-ü (37). *)* 16...Nxd5! 17.c5 Qe6 with adequate play for the pawn, Potrata,J (2269)-Tinture,L (2410) ICCF email 2012, 1-0 (81).]

9...d5! This hybrid of the Marshall and Gajewski Variations scores well.

[9...d6 is not very good here, as 10.d4 is possible without first playing h2-h3, as there is no pressure on d4 with the black knight on a5, Bg4 11.h3]

10.d4 Possibly strongest.

[10.exd5 e4! was analysed ten years ago by Victor in Kotronias,V-Halkias, S.]

10...dxe4!

[10...exd4 11.e5 Ne4 12.cxd4 f5 *(12...Bg4!? 13.Nc3* Hou,Q (2345)-Kislik,E (2361) Kecskemet 2012, 1-0 (31), *Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bh5)* 13.exf6 Bxf6

A) 14.Nbd2 Nxf2!? 15.Kxf2?? *(15.Qe2* is forced.*)* 15...Bxd4+ 16.Kf1 Qh4 17.Ne4 dxe4 18.Qxd4 Rxf3+! 19.gxf3 Bh3+ 20.Ke2 exf3+ 21.Kd3 Bf5+ 22.Kc3 Qxe1+ was a disaster for White, Colovic,A

(2493)-Ivanisevic,I (2649) Plovdiv 2008, 0-1 (34).;

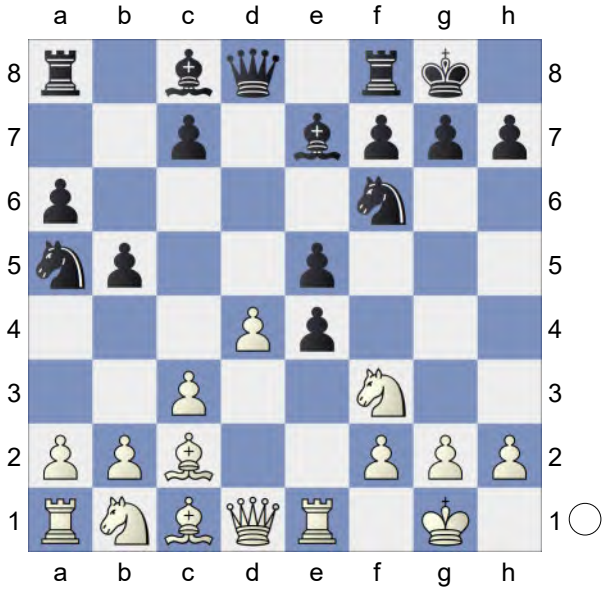
B) 14.Nc3

B1) 14...Bf5!? 15.Nxe4 Bxe4?! *(15...dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4* is a more accurate move order.*)* 16.Bxe4 *(16.Rxe4!? dxe4 17.Bxe4 Rc8 18.Qc2 g6 19.Bf4* is promising.*)* 16...dxe4 17.Rxe4 Qd5 *(17...c5! 18.Be3 Nc4)* 18.Re1 Nc6 19.Be3 Rad8 20.Rc1 keeping hold of his extra pawn, Anwesh,U (2420)-Girish,A (2342) Puri 2010, ü-ü (51).;

B2) 14...Nxc3 the most usual, but possibly not best, 15.bxc3 Bg4?! *(15...Nc4* is better, but not equal. *)*

B2a) 16.Qd3 g6 17.Bh6?! Bxf3! 18.Qxf3 Bg7 19.Qh3 Qf6 20.f3 *(20.Re2 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rae8 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Qd3 Nd6* slightly favours Black, Solodovnichenko,Y (2570)-Gajewski,G (2622) Maastricht 2012, 0-1 (63).*)* 20...Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rae8 22.h4 Djuric,L-Lazic,P Yugoslavia 1972, ü-ü (27).;

B2b) 16.h3! Bxf3 *(16...Bh5?! 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Bxg5 19.Qxh5+ Bh6 20.Re6)* 17.Qxf3 Bxd4 18.Qh5! g6 *(18...Bxf2+ 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Re5!)* 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Qxg6+ Bg7 21.Bg5 Rf6 forced, *(21...Qd6? 22.Re6)* 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Re8+ Rxe8 24.Qxe8+ Qf8 *(24...Bf8 25.Rd1 Qf5* is a better defence. *)* 25.Qe6+ Qf7 26.Qxa6 Bxc3 27.Qa8+ Kg7 28.Rd1 Nc4 29.Qxd5 Nd6 30.h4 1-0 Schulz,G (2162)-Petzold,G (1780) GER email 2013.]



The best capture. **11.Nxe5 c5! 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Nd2** All these moves are very natural. **13...Rc8** Carlsen's move, defending c5, is best.

[13...Re8?! new, but dodgy, 14.Qb1?! *(14.dxc5! Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Rxe5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Nxc4* looks good for White.*)* 14...Bf8 15.Nf1 Qc7 *(15...cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bd6)* 16.Ng3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Re2 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Qxc4 20.Bb3 Qc7 Black has the slightly better pawn structure, Malek,J (2355)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2022, 0-1 (38).]

14.Qe2!? The first new move for White, and it's a good one, putting more pressure on e4 and preparing to bring the queen's rook to the d-file..

[14.h3 Re8 all Black's pieces are active, 15.Ng4 Nd5! 16.Bxe4 *(16.Nxe4 f5 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxf5 Bd6)* 16...Nxe3 17.Nxe3 cxd4

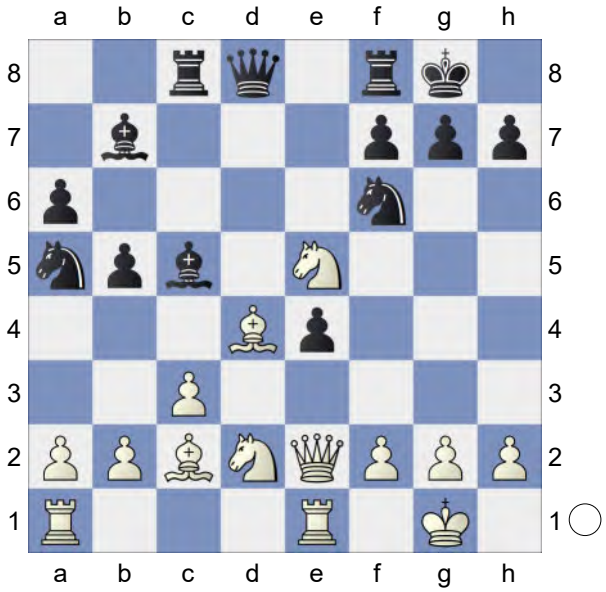
18.cxd4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Bb4 20.Nc3 Rxc3! 21.bxc3 Bxc3 completely equal, Tari,A (2642)-Carlsen,M (2855) Stavanger 2021, but 0-1 (51) anyway.]

14...cxd4 Black starts to exchange pieces and head for a draw.

[14...Bd6 15.Rad1 Qc7 is a good alternative, keeping more play in the position.]

[14...Qb6!?]

15.Bxd4 Bc5



16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Qxd4 Black regains the pawn. **19.Bf5**

[19.Bf3! Rfe8 20.Rad1 Qc5 21.Qd2 would keep a slight edge.]

19...Rce8 20.Rad1 Qf4

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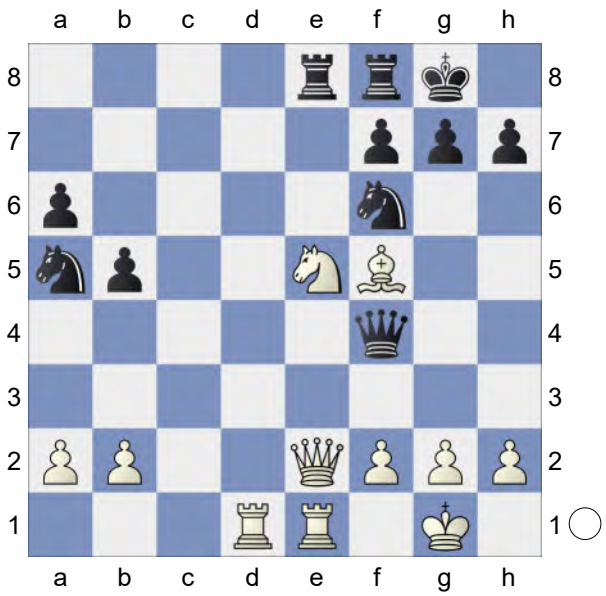


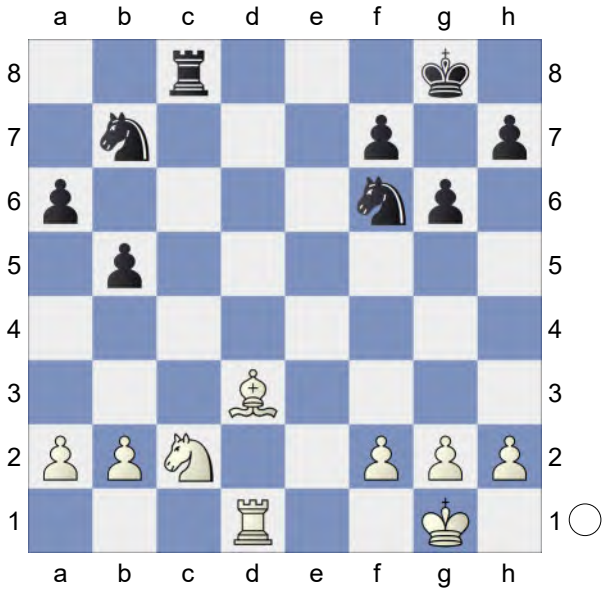
21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.Nxf3 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 Nb7 Black brings his problem knight back into play.

[23...g6 is simpler, 24.Rd6 Re8 25.Nf3 gxf5 26.Rxf6 Re2 equal.]

24.Nc2

[24.Rc1 Nd6 25.Bh3 Rd8 is only very slightly better for White.]

24...g6 25.Bd3 Rc8



26.Nb4 a5 27.Nc2 Nd6 28.Ne3 Rc6 29.g3 Kf8 30.Kg2 Both players improve their king. **30...Ke7**

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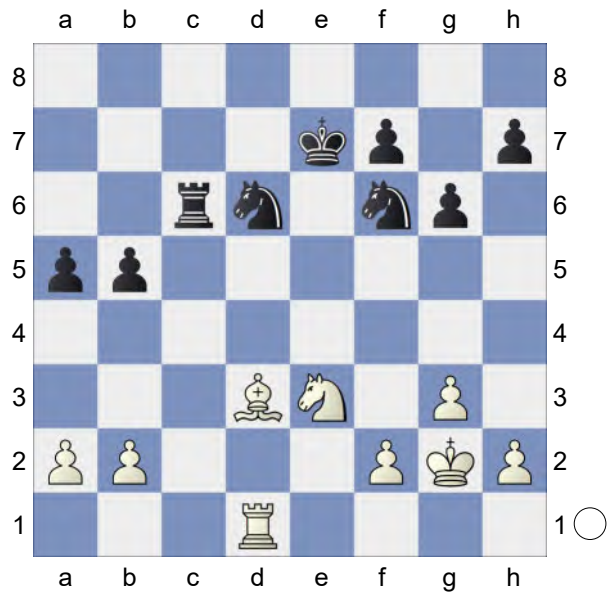

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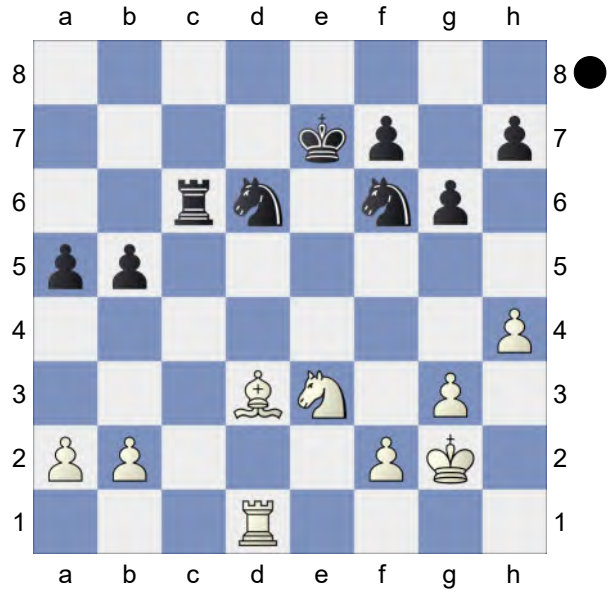

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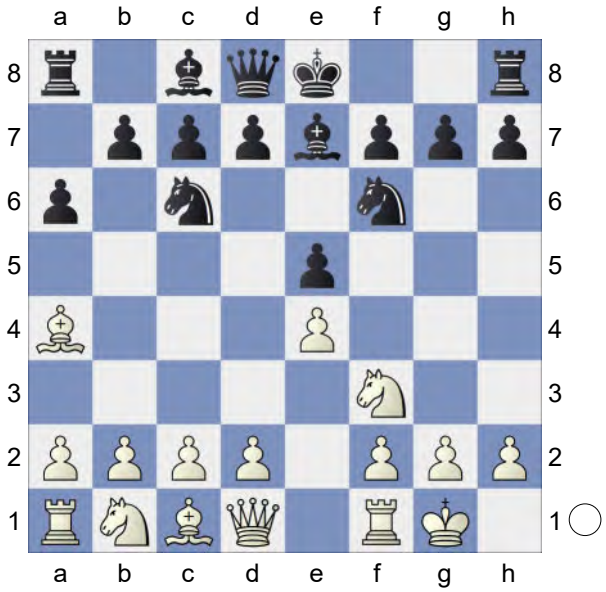
132 **C89**
□ **Lu,Shanglei** **2605**
■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2686**
(playoff-m/1) 155/137 2022
[Perunovic,Milos]

Kitty Kat: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Ubilava,Elizbar: 'Ubilava,E: 'Inf 75/(317)'"
1.e4 Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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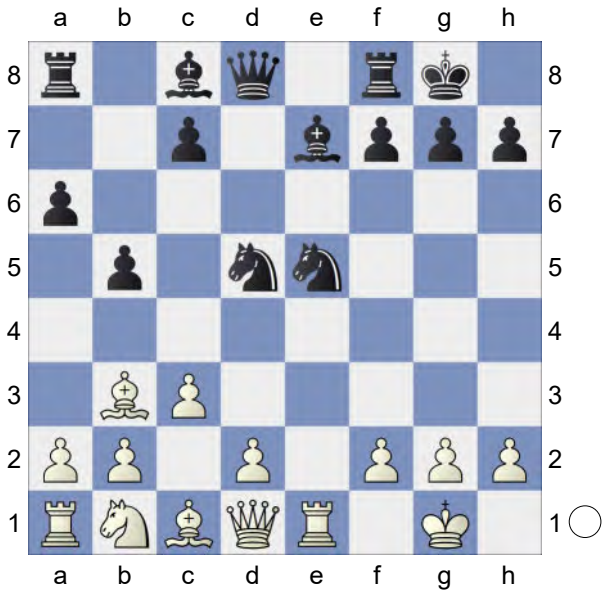


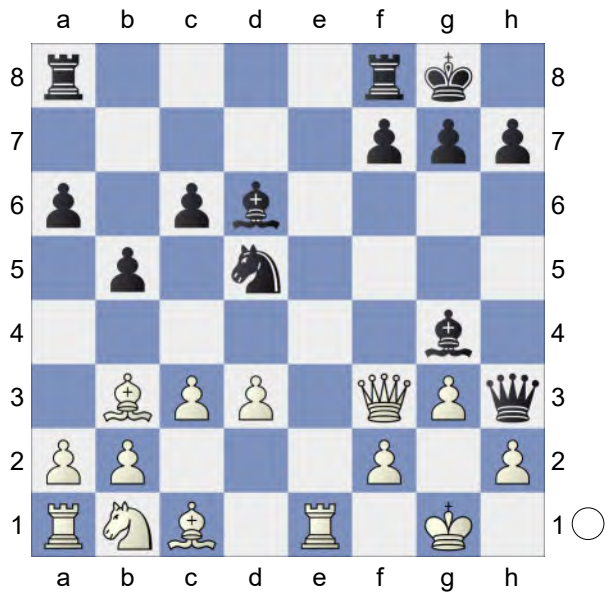
11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 is the new trend. ist der neue Trend .is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **12...Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qf3** Kitty Kat: 'White has an edge.'

[15.Re4 Kitty Kat Qf5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Re1 f5 18.a4 Rb8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.fxg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 25.Be3 Rf1+ 26.Qxf1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ ½-½ Anand,V (2781)-Adams,M (2716) 75/(317) Dos Hermanas 1999]

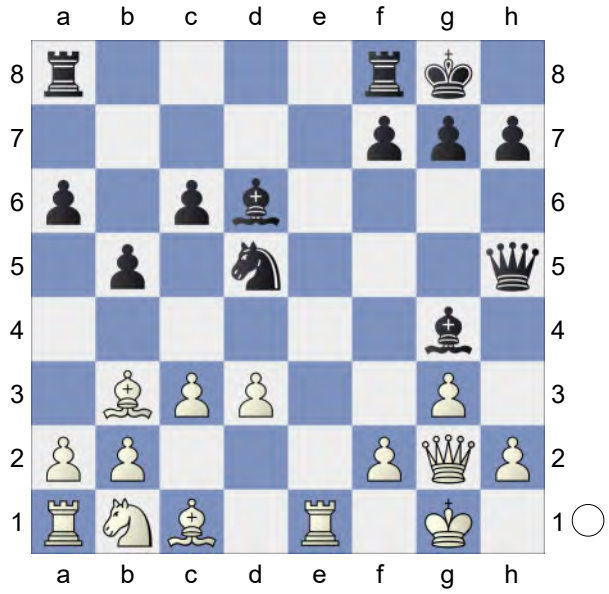
15...Bg4!?

[15...Bf5 - 142/126]

(Diagram)



Kitty Kat: ' ⇄' Kitty Kat: ' Black is not keeping still' **16.Qg2 Qh5** Kitty Kat: '



...Ra8-e8 is the strong threat. Black has compensation.' **17.Be3** Kitty Kat: 'N'

[17.Nd2?! Rae8∓ 18.Rf1 Kitty Kat Bh3 19.Qf3 Qg6 20.Ne4 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Bc7 22.Bd2 Kh8 23.h4 h6 24.h5 Qe6 25.Kg2 Bb6 26.Re1 Qd7 27.d4 f5 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 Rxe1 30.Bxe1 f4 31.Bc2 Qe7 0-1 Janosi,E (2348)-Tsiganova,M (2538) 2000 (1)]

[17.Bxd5 Kitty Kat cxd5 18.Be3 Rae8 19.Nd2 Re6 20.Nb3 Bf3 21.Qf1 Be5 22.Nd2 Bg4 23.f3 Bh3 24.Qf2 Rfe8 25.a3 Qg6 26.Rad1 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Rxe3 28.Nf1 R3e6 29.Rxe6 Qxe6 30.Rd2 Qe1 31.Qxe1 Rxe1 0-1 Nikishin,S-Jaumandreu Llopis,A (2240) corr TT/4/95/1 1995]

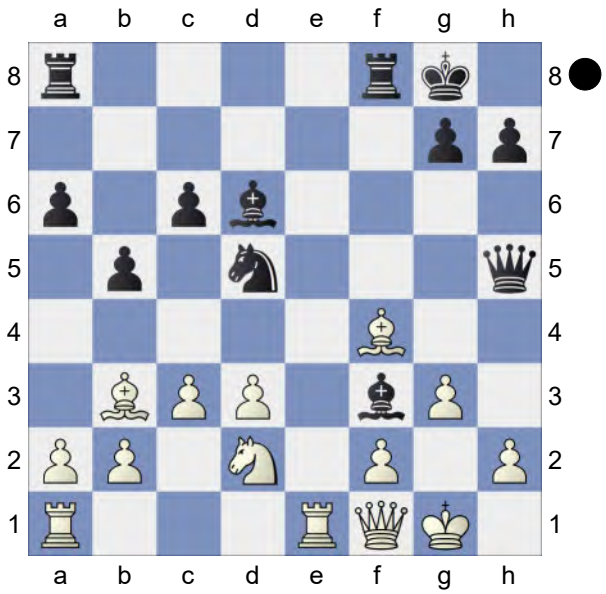
17...Bf3 0.33/22

[17...a5= -0.08/20 Kitty Kat]

18.Qf1 Kitty Kat: ' ±' **18...f5** Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...f5-f4.' **19.Nd2** Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with Nd2xf3.'

19...f4 Kitty Kat: '!' **20.Bxf4** Diagram

[Predecessor: 20.Bd4 Bg4 21.Re4 Kh8 22.Qg2 f3 23.Qh1 Nf4 24.gxf4 Qg6 25.Nf1 c5 26.Be5 0-1 (55) Warmerdam,M (2501)-Firat,B (2470) Ulcinj 2019]



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20...Rxf4!N

[20...Bxf4 21.Nxf3 Bxg3 *(21...Qxf3? 22.Bd1* Kitty Kat: '+-' *Ne3 23.Bxf3 Nxf1 24.Bxc6 Rad8 25.Kxf1+-)* 22.hxg3 Kitty Kat: '+-' Qxf3 23.Re6±]

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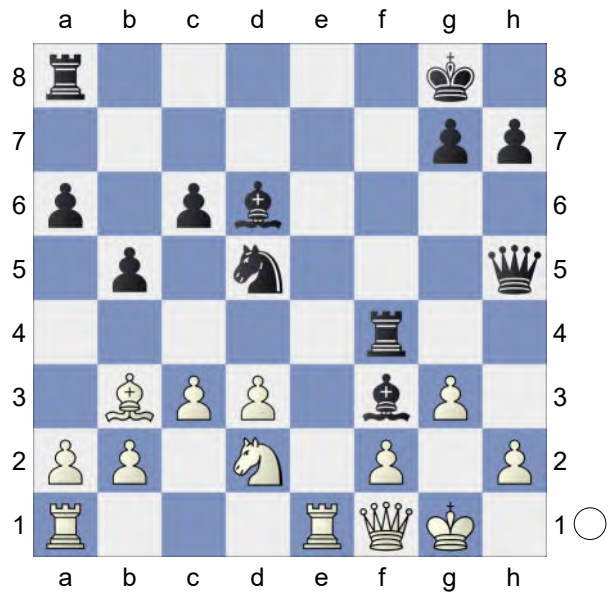


21.c4!
[21.Nxf3 Kitty Kat: '!?' Rxf3 22.Bd1 Kitty Kat: '=' Raf8 23.Bxf3 Qxf3∞]

21...Rf6? 1.50/23
[21...bxc4! 0.01/22 Kitty Kat: '=' 22.dxc4 Nf6 23.c5+ *(23.gxf4?* Kitty Kat *Qg6+)* 23...Bd5 24.cxd6 *(24.Bd1 Ng4 25.Bxg4 Rxg4 26.cxd6 Rh4 27.Qe2 Rxh2 28.Qxh5 Rxh5 29.f3 Rd8=; 24.gxf4?* Kitty Kat *Qg6+)* 24...Ng4 Kitty Kat: ' Double Attack' 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.h4 Rxf2 27.Qd3 Raf8∞]

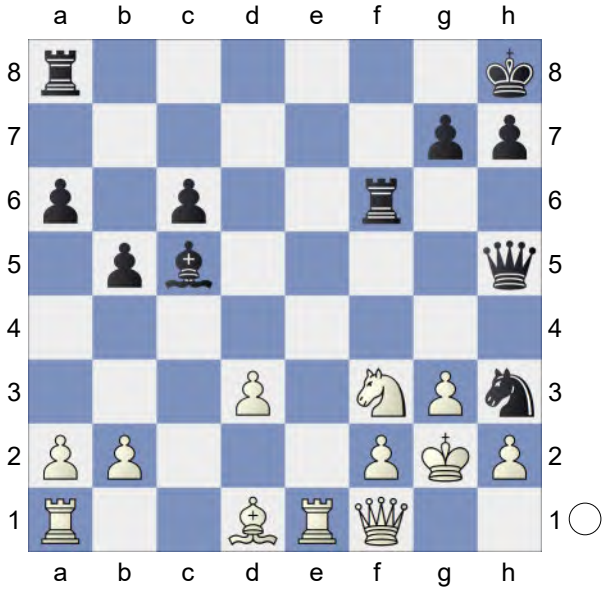
22.Nxf3 Kitty Kat: '±'
[22.cxd5?! Kitty Kat Bxd5 23.Ne4 Rh6±]

22...Nf4 2.34/22
[22...Qxf3 1.44/22 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: ' was worth a try.' 23.cxd5 Bc5 *(23...c5* Kitty Kat *)* 24.dxc6+ Kh8 25.Re2 Raf8 *(25...Rxc6 26.Rd1±)* 26.d4! Bxd4 27.Rd1 Bb6 28.Bd5 Qxe2 *(28...Qh5 29.Rdd2±)* 29.Qxe2 Rxf2 30.Qe1 Re2+ 31.Kh1 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1±]

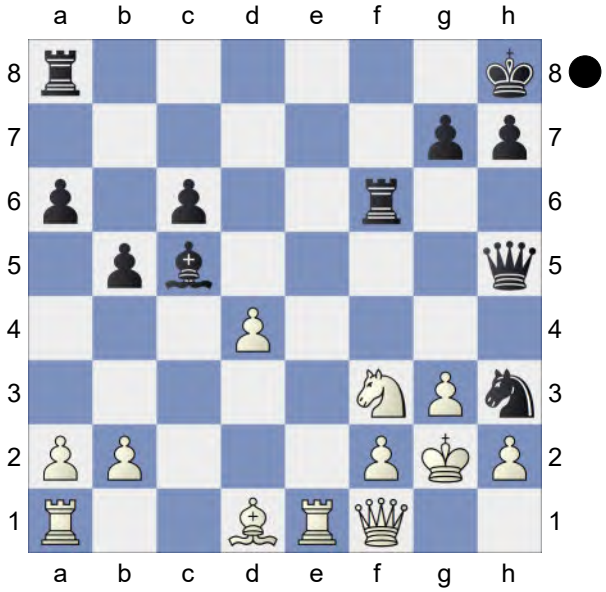
23.c5+ Kitty Kat: '+-'
[23.cxb5+ Kitty Kat Kh8 24.Nh4 g5 25.gxf4 Rxf4=]

23...Kh8 24.Bd1
[24.gxf4? (Kitty Kat) too greedy. Rg6+-+ *(24...Bxc5?* loses. *25.Qg2+-; 24...Bxc5? 25.Qg2+-)*]
[24.cxd6 Kitty Kat Nh3+ 25.Kh1 *(25.Kg2? Qxf3+ 26.Kxh3 Rh6#)* 25...Qxf3+ 26.Qg2 Nxf2+ 27.Kg1 Qh5=]

24...Nh3+ 25.Kg2 Bxc5

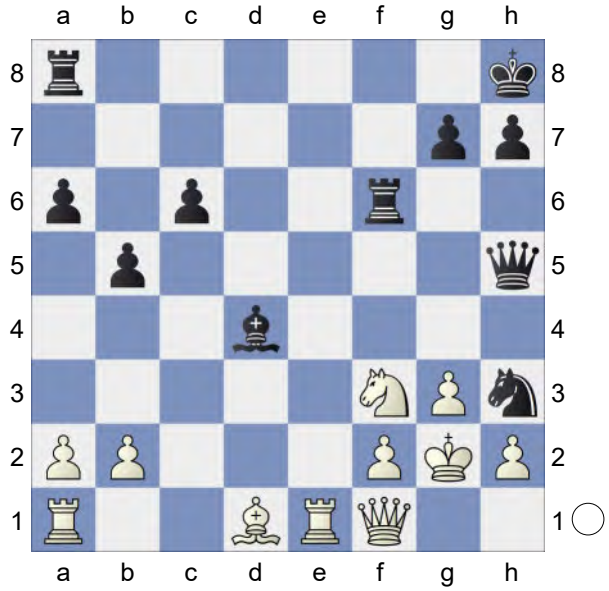


26.d4 Diagram



26...Bxd4?? 5.45/22 Kitty Kat: '
[26...Raf8 27.Re5 *(27.dxc5 g5 28.Kh1 g4 29.Re5 Nxf2+ 30.Qxf2*

Qxe5 31.Nxe5 Rxf2±) 27...g5 28.Rxc5 Rxf3 29.Kh1! Nxf2+ 30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Bxh5 Rxb2 32.Rc3! *(32.Rxc6? Rff2=)* 32...Rff2 33.Bf3 Rxh2+ 34.Kg1±]
[26...Ba7 2.59/21 Kitty Kat]



' **27.Nxd4** Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **27...Qd5+ 28.Nf3**
[28.Kxh3? (Kitty Kat) perishes. Rh6+ 29.Kg4 Rf8-+]
28...Ng5
[28...g5 29.Kxh3 g4+ 30.Kg2 gxf3+ 31.Kh1+-]
29.Re5

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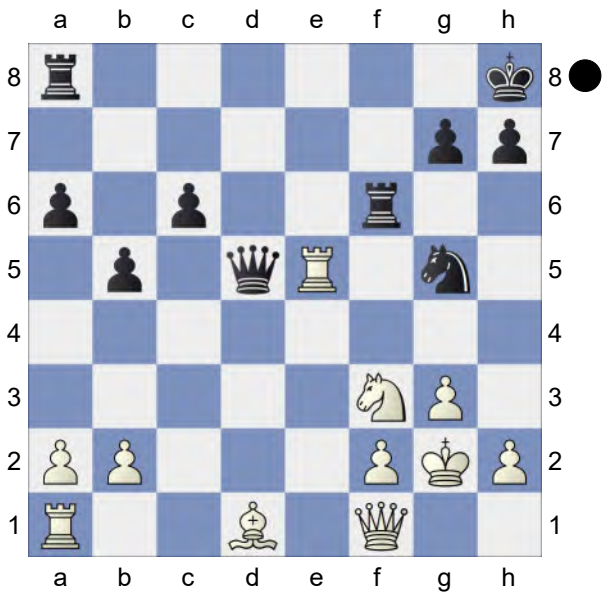

Kitty Kat: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.59'
1-0

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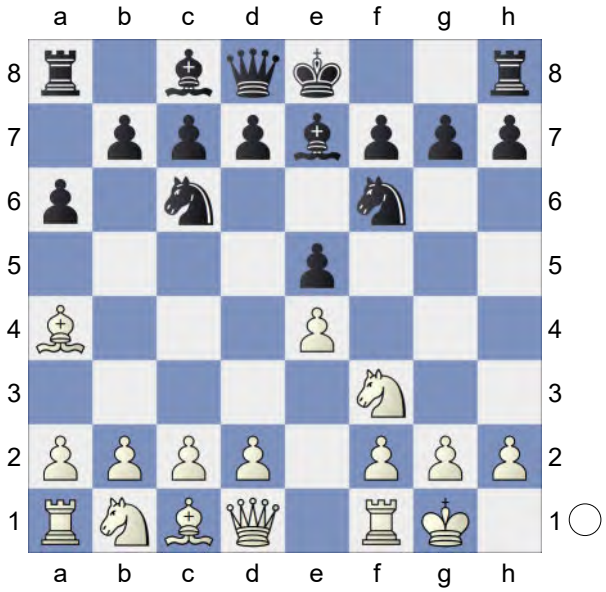
□ **So,Wesley** **2799**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2769**
FIDE Candidates (3) 12.03.2018
[Sagar Shah]

1.e4 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH Sagar, Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar, Shah Sagar,Shah Sagar,Shah **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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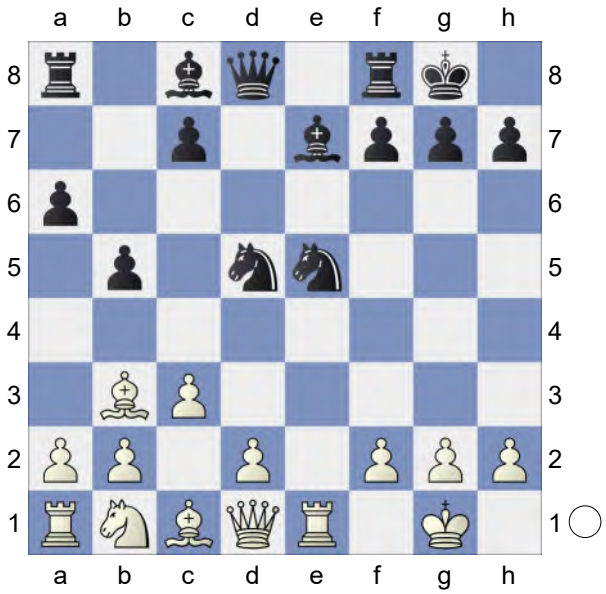

11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 Sagar,Shah: 'The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13. d3. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13. d3. '" The Marshall Gambit has been a part of praxis for many years, but White has not been able to break it. After many years of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13.d3.
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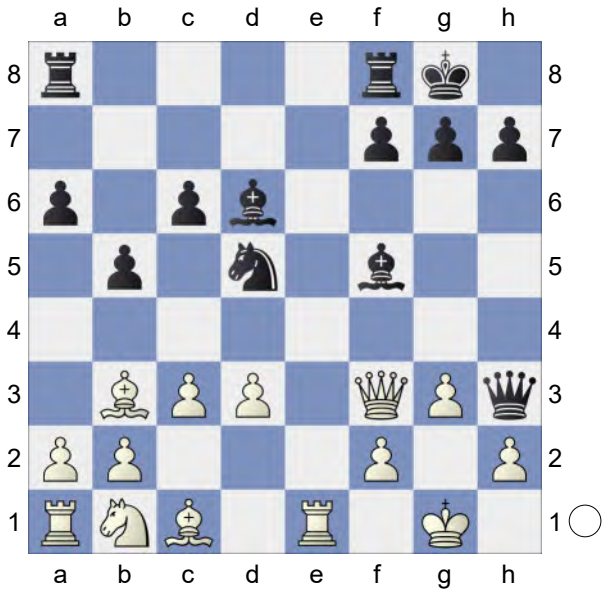
of trying for an advantage with 13.d4, White has now shifted his attention to 13. d3.

''' **13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3**

[15.Qxf5 Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Rfe8-+ Sagar,Shah: 'White is already in big trouble.' White is already in big trouble.]

15...Qh3



16.Be3 Sagar,Shah: 'This is White's latest attempt to get an advantage with a lot of top players already having played it. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'This is White's latest attempt to get an advantage with a lot of top players already having played it.''' This is White's latest attempt to get an advantage with a lot of top players already having played it. Sagar,Shah: 'This is White's latest attempt to get an advantage with a lot of top players already having played it. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'This is White's latest attempt to get an advantage with a lot of top players already having played it.'''

[16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Bxd3 Sagar,Shah: 'The bishop pair compensate for the missing pawn and Black is doing pretty well here.' The bishop pair compensate for the missing pawn and Black is doing pretty well here.]

16...Bxd3 17.Nd2

[17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8! 19.Qf3 Bc4 20.Nd2 Be6 Sagar,Shah: 'was drawn in the game Anand vs Aronian 2008.'was drawn in the game Anand vs Aronian 2008.]

17...Qf5

[17...Rfe8 Sagar,Shah: 'This would be incorrect because the face off of the rooks down the e-file works in White's favour.' This would be incorrect because the face off of the rooks down the e-file works in White's favour. 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Bb6+-]

18.Bd4 Rfd8!? Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This is relatively rare compared to 18...Rfe8, although both moves promise roughly equal play. Earlier it was seen three times, twice in 2018 and also once in a correspondence game.' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This is relatively rare compared to 18...Rfe8, although both moves promise roughly equal play. Earlier it was seen three times, twice in 2018 and also once in a correspondence game. Sagar Shah: '!?''' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This is relatively rare compared to 18...Rfe8, although both moves promise roughly equal play. Earlier it was seen three times, twice in 2018 and also once in a correspondence game.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This is relatively rare compared to 18... Rfe8, although both moves promise roughly equal play. Earlier it was seen three times, twice in 2018 and also once

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[Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and" 18...Rfe8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave, M (2796) -Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave, M (2796)-Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]' Sagar, Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Vachier-Lagrave,M (2796) -Aronian, L (2785) Sharjah UAE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V]' has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. '" has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Sagar,Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'has been Aronian's favourite. Black has held his own in most of the games except for one where Aronian lost to Caruana in 2014. '"]

[Earlier I considered 18...Rae8 (Sagar,Shah) Wei Yi (2706)-Carlsen, M (2844) Wijk aan Zee NED 2016

[Mikhalevski,V] Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Wei Yi (2706)-Carlsen,M (2844) Wijk aan Zee NED 2016 [Mikhalevski,V]']

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[19.Kg2 Bf8 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.Ne4 a5 *(21...Bxe4+ 22.Rxe4 c5 23.Be5±)* 22.a4 b4ü]

19...h6 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' '!?' '!?' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.'' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!?' '!?' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'A useful waiting move, which has been tested by the Russian GM Matlakov. Black invites White to show his cards.' Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks.'''Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Sagar, Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black makes a useful move avoiding any back rank tricks.'''

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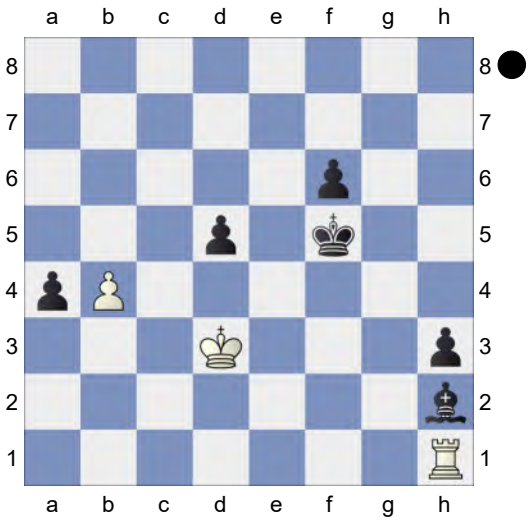
Championship. And it was a very well played game by Hrant Melkumyan.'" 19...Bf8 20.axb5 axb5

A) 21.Rxa8!? Sagar,Shah Rxa8 22.Qd1! would create a threat of 23. Nf3! So Black should remove the queen from f5 in order to let the light squared bishop escape along the b1-h7 diagonal. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'would create a threat of 23. Nf3! So Black should remove the queen from f5 in order to let the light squared bishop escape along the b1-h7 diagonal.' Qd7! 23.Ne4 *(23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Ne5 Qb7 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Bc2 c5 27.Be3 Qc7* also looks fine for Black.*)* 23...Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Re8 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 with just a symbolic edge for White.;

B) 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.b4 f6 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018'' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and Black fully equalised in the very recent game Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi GEO 2018'' 24.Kg2 Ra4 25.Rxa4 bxa4 26.Ra1 Bd7 27.Nf3 Kf7 28.Be3 Rc8 29.Ra3 g5 30.Nd4 Bd6 31.Kf1 Be5 32.Ke2 h5 33.Kd3 h4 34.Ra1 Kg6 35.Rg1 h3 36.Rb1 Bf5+ 37.Nxf5 Rxc3+ 38.Kd2 Kxf5 39.f4 gxf4 40.gxf4 Rxe3 -0.28/25 *(*Black should play *40...Ke4!∓* -1.12/25 Sagar Shah,MH *41.fxe5 Rd3+ 42.Kc1)* 41.Kxe3 Sagar Shah,MH: '=' Bxf4+ 42.Kd3 -5.56/27 Sagar Shah,MH: '?' *(42.Ke2!=* -0.21/25 (Sagar Shah, MH) and White has nothing to worry. *)* 42...Bxh2 Sagar Shah,MH: '-+' 43.Rh1 Sagar Shah,MH: '



' Be5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' 44.Rxh3 a3 45.Rf3+ Ke6 46.Rf2 Kd6 47.Rg2 Kc6 0-1 (47) Palac,M (2546)-Melkumyan,H (2664) Batumi 2018]

[19...Rac8 (Sagar,Shah) was played in a correspondence game. 20.axb5!? *(20.Qxf5!?* deserved attention. *Bxf5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.axb5 axb5 23.b4! Ra8! 24.Nb3 Ra4 25.Bc5 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.f3 Rda8 28.Kf2* with a slight superiority for White.*)* 20...axb5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Re3 *(22.b4!?±*) 22...Qxf3 23.Nxf3 Be4 24.b4 Ra8 25.Ra5! Rxa5 26.bxa5 Ra8 and a draw was agreed in Budkin, G (2432)-Nadeev,S (2406) ICCF email 2014, although White could play on with Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and a draw was agreed in Budkin,G (2432)-Nadeev,S (2406) ICCF email 2014, although White could play on with' 27.Bb6±]

20.h4 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case." Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case.' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Only this move is a novelty, but not one which changes the assessment of the position. Wesley also makes a useful waiting move, but Ding Ligen knows how to react in this case.' Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares.'"Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Sagar,Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Usually in this position none of the players want to take their opponent's queen. For example if Black took on f3 then after ♘xf3 the knight would be very well placed looking at the d4 and e5 squares.'"

[Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'In the only preceding game White waited with" 20.Kg2 Sagar,Shah: 'I have a feeling that ♔g2 in general can be more useful than h4 as then the knight need not keep defending the queen and can move to e4.'I have a feeling that ♔g2 in general can be more useful than h4 as then the knight need not keep defending the queen and can move to e4. Bf8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This looks slightly inaccurate." Mikhalevski, Victor: 'This looks slightly inaccurate.' *(20...Rac8!?* (Sagar,Shah) is a common way to break the waiting sequence. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'is a common way to break the waiting sequence.' *21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Nf1 b4 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Ra5 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rb8* and Black should be able to hold without too many problems. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and Black should be able to hold without too many problems.' *)*

A) 21.Re5?! 0.01/23 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH: '21.a4xb5 0.41 Sagar,Shah' Qxf3+ 22.Kxf3 -0.23/22 *(22.Nxf3* 0.19/22 (Sagar Shah,MH) deserves consideration. *bxa4 23.Rxa4)* 22...b4!?= Now Black solves his opening problems. Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Now Black solves his opening problems.' 23.Rd1?! -0.63/20 *(23.Ne4=* -0.08/21 Sagar Shah,MH*)* 23...bxc3 Sagar Shah,MH: ' ∓' 24.bxc3 Rab8∓ Now only Black can play for a win. Alekseenko,K (2609)-Matlakov,M (2709) Moscow RUS 2018

Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Now only Black can play for a win. Alekseenko,K (2609)-Matlakov,M (2709) Moscow RUS 2018';

B) 21.axb5 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' '!' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'could set some problems.'' Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: '!' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'could set some problems.''

21...axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8

B1) 23.Bxd5 Sagar,Shah Qxd5 24.Qxd5 cxd5 25.Re5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Rd8 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' 26.Bb6 Rd6 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' *(26...Rb8? 1.01/22* is met by Sagar Shah, MH: '26...Rd8-d6 0.54 is met by' *27.Rxd5±)* 27.Bc5 Rd8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Nb3± and I prefer White as the knight is superior to the bishop, although it's still far away from a win. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'and I prefer White as the knight is superior to the bishop, although it's still far away from a win.';

B2) 23.Ne4 Qxf3+ 24.Kxf3 b4 25.Rd1 Ba6 26.c4 Nc7 27.Bb6 *(27.Ra1* -0.38/24 Sagar Shah, MH: '27.Bd4-b6 0.98' *c5=)* 27...Ne6 28.c5 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Bb5∞]

20...Rac8

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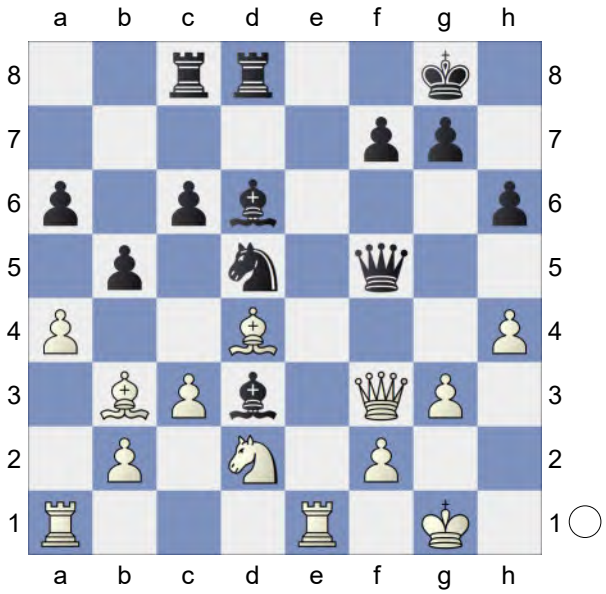

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[22.Ra7 Sagar,Shah: 'was possible but Black can now aim to take the e-file with'was possible but Black can now aim to take the e-file with Bf8 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' *(22...Re8* 0.75/23 Sagar Shah,MH: '22...Bd6-f8 0.14' *23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qxf5 Bxf5 25.Ra6* Sagar,Shah: 'seems a tad uncomfortable, but Black should be able to hold on after'seems a tad uncomfortable, but Black should be able to hold on after *Ne7±* Sagar,Shah: '/='/= *)* 23.Re5 Qxf3 24.Nxf3 f6 25.Re3!? Bg6 Sagar Shah,MH: ' aiming for ...c6-c5.' 26.Bb6 Sagar Shah,MH: '!' Kh8! 27.Bxd5 0.12/23 *(27.Bxd8±* 0.51/23

Sagar Shah,MH *Nxe3 28.Be7 Bxe7 29.Rxe7)* 27...Rxd5= Sagar,Shah: 'Black is doing fine.'Black is doing fine.]

22...cxd5 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Ra5 Sagar,Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them.''' Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Sagar, Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Sagar Shah: 'Black's pawns are weak, but the bishop pair compensates for them.''' **24...b4!** Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A clever pawn sacrifice. I won't be surprised if the Chinese GM analysed this position or at least a similar one.'' Mikhalevski,Victor: 'A clever pawn sacrifice. I won't be surprised if the Chinese GM analysed this position or at least a similar one.'

[In case of the passive 24...Rb8?! 0.76/21 Sagar,Shah Sagar Shah,MH: '24...b5-b4 0.30 Sagar,Shah' 25.b4!± Black is under pressure. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Black is under pressure.']

25.Rxd5 Be6

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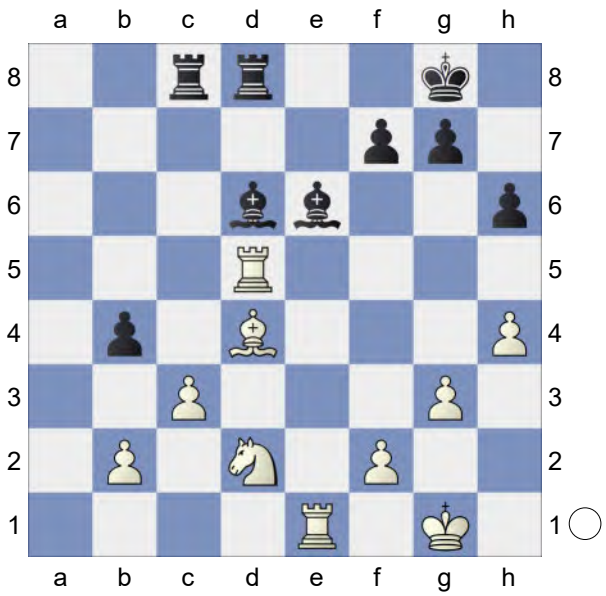

26.Ra5

[26.Rb5 Ra8 Sagar,Shah: 'Wesley was not too comfortable with his rook stuck on b5 and the black rook penetrating with ... ♖a2.' Wesley was not too comfortable with his rook stuck on b5 and the black rook penetrating with ...♖a2.]

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27...Rb8 Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Black is preparing ...Bb4."

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28.Nf1 Bb4 29.Raa1

[or 29.Ra4 Sagar,Shah Bc5]

29...Bc5

[29...Bxc3 30.bxc3 Rb2 31.Rac1 0.01/23 *(31.Rec1± 0.41/24* Sagar Shah,MH) 31...Ra8= Sagar,Shah: 'And this should be a draw.' And this should be a draw.]

30.Ne3

[After 30.Rad1 Sagar,Shah Rxd1 31.Rxd1 f6 32.Ne3 Kf7 it's also extremely difficult to make progress. Mikhalevski,Victor: 'it's also extremely difficult to make progress.']

30...Rd3

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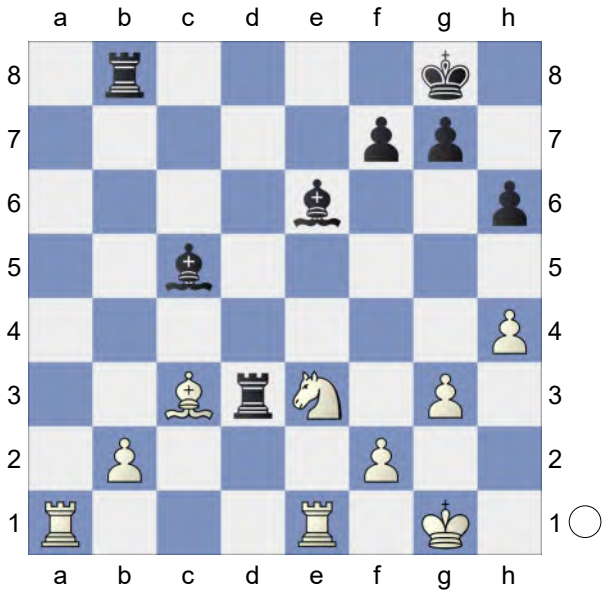
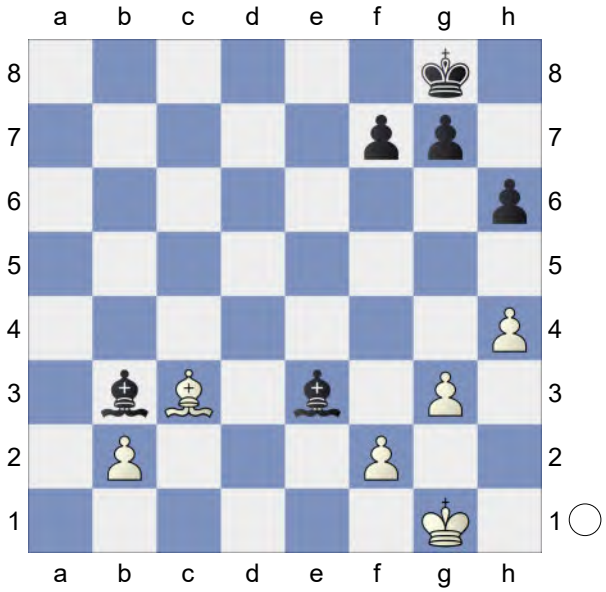


Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski,Victor: 'Black is putting pressure on e3.'' **31.Red1 Rbd8 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Rd1 Rxd1+ 34.Nxd1 Bb3** Sagar,Shah: 'Mikhalevski, Victor: 'This move forces an exchange of the knight for the dark-squared bishop." Mikhalevski,Victor: 'This move forces an exchange of the knight for the dark-squared bishop.' **35.Ne3 Bxe3**



36.fxe3 Kf8 37.Kf2

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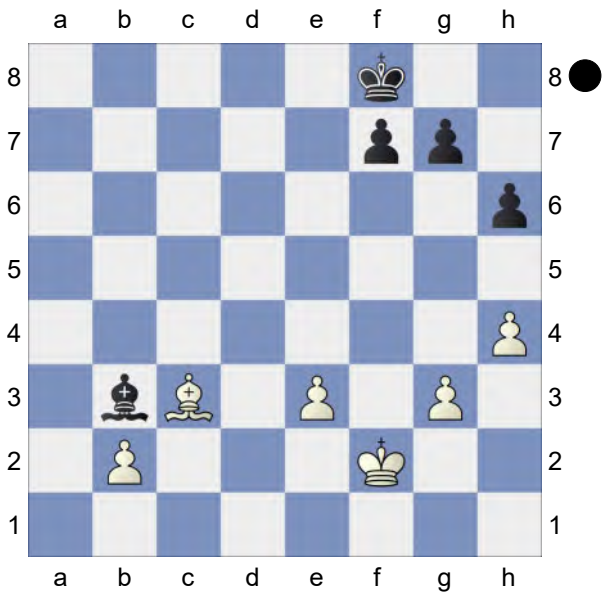

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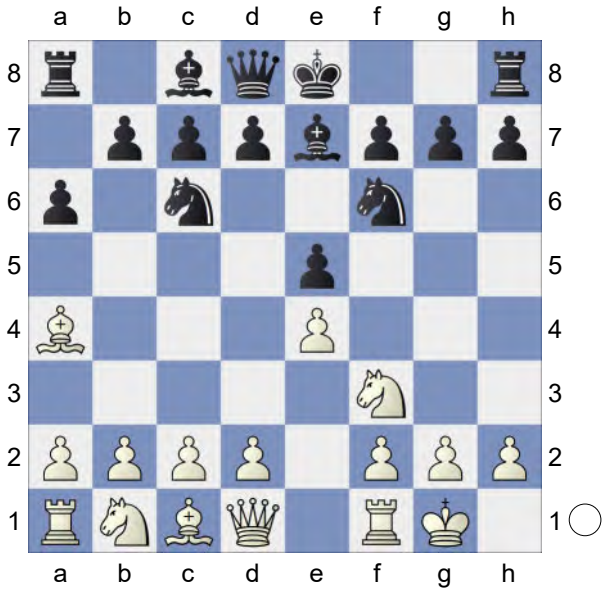
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2680**
■ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2718**
Tata Steel-A 80th (4) 16.01.2018
[Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag]

1.e4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Mekhitarian, K **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5
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20.d4 Rfe8 *(20...Rfc8!?* preparing b4 preparing b4 *21.a3 a5 22.Nd2 f6⩱* following Aronian's footsteps, with the rook on c8 instead of e8following Aronian's footsteps, with the rook on c8 instead of e8*)* 21.Nd2 f6 22.Bf4! Bf8 23.Nf1± ½-½ (43) Nakamura,H (2780)-Aronian,L (2801) Palma de Mallorca 2017, ½-½ (43) Nakamura,H (2780)-Aronian,L (2801) Palma de Mallorca 2017, after coming under some pressure, Black was able to hold. after coming under some pressure, Black was able to hold.]

9...exd4

[9...dxe4 is another safe way to deal with this position 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd7 13.Rxe4 Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6 15.Rd2 Bg5 *(15...Bb7!?⩱)* 16.Rc2 Bxc1! *(16...Rd8 17.Bf3 Bb7 18.Bxg5 Nxg5 19.Nd2± ½-½* (83) Halkias,S (2583)-Melkumyan,H (2642) Heraklio 2017 ½-½ (83) Halkias,S (2583)-Melkumyan,H (2642) Heraklio 2017*)* 17.Rxc1 Nf4 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Ng6 20.Nd2 Nxe5= ½-½ (81) Kurnosov,I (2649)-Khalifman,A (2614) Nakhchivan 2013 ½-½ (81) Kurnosov,I (2649)-Khalifman,A (2614) Nakhchivan 2013]

10.e5 Ne4

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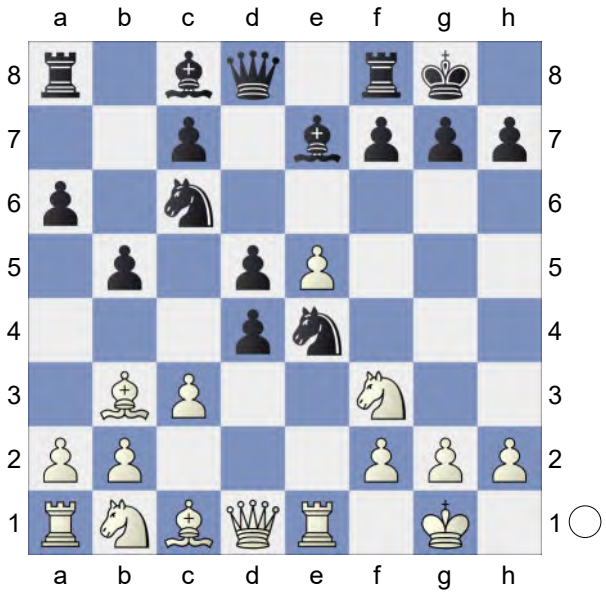

11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Na5

[13...Qd7?! 14.Bg5 Ba3? *(14...Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Na5 16.Bc2* with good prospects on the kingsidewith good prospects on the kingside*)* 15.Nh4!N a strong novelty, that puts the whole 13... ♕d7 move under trouble a strong novelty, that puts the whole 13...♕d7 move under trouble Be6 16.Bc2 g6 17.Bf6 Rfe8 18.f4 Ne7 19.Rf1 Bg4 20.Qe1 and White already has a winning position with the decisive attackand White already has a winning position with the decisive attack Kf8 21.f5!+- 1-0 (30) Mastrovasilis,D (2580)-Sargissian,G (2650) Minsk 2017]

14.Bc2 Bxc2 15.Qxc2 Nc4

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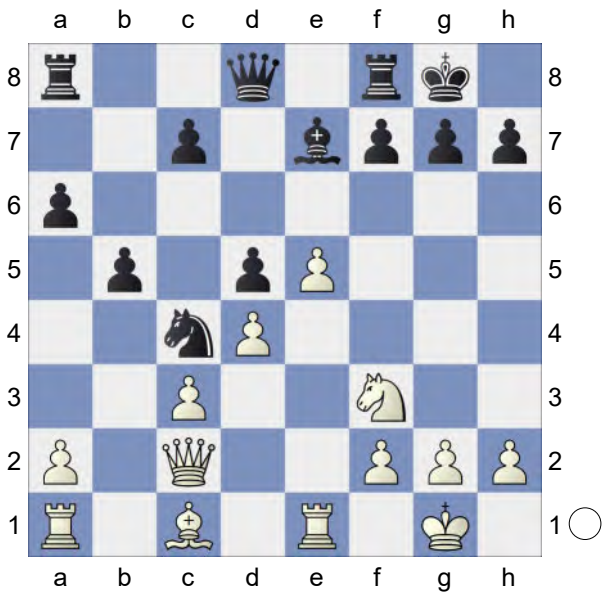

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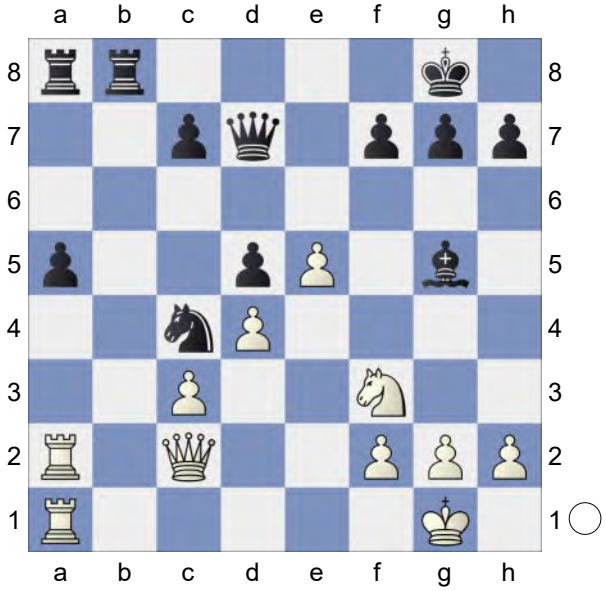
19.Rea1 Rfb8 20.R4a2?!

[20.Bxe7!? Qxe7 21.Nd2! *(21.R4a2!?* preparing to remove Black's strong knight with ♘d2 is also possible preparing to remove Black's strong knight with ♘d2 is also possible*)* 21...Rb2 22.Qc1 Rxd2 23.Rxc4 dxc4 24.Qxd2 a4∞ with a complex pawn endgame. with a complex pawn endgame.]

20...Bxg5!



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21.Nxg5 g6 22.h3

[22.Nf3 a4 23.Nd2 Nxd2 24.Qxd2 Rb3∓ followed by ...♕b5, Black is able to grab the initiative quickly. followed by ...♕b5, Black is able to

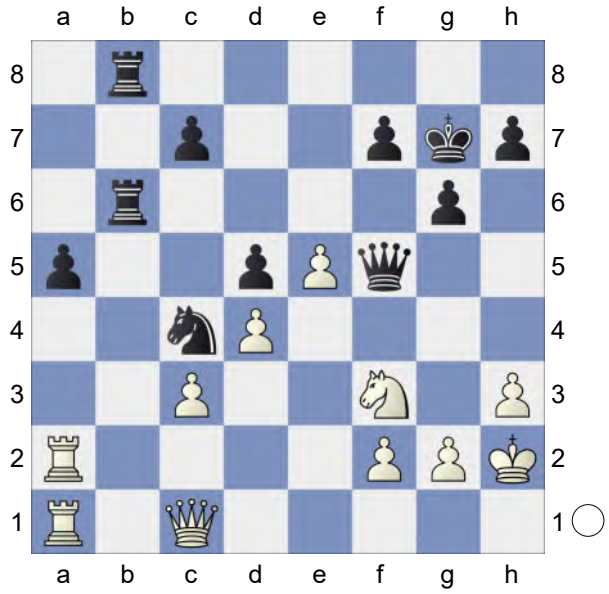
grab the initiative quickly.]

22...Rb6 23.Nf3 Rab8! Stopping ♘d2 and preparing a queenside invasion at some point.Stopping ♘d2 and preparing a queenside invasion at some point.

24.Qc1 Kg7 Avoiding ♕h6. Avoiding ♕h6. **25.Kh2?!**

[25.Nd2! once again this was needed once again this was needed Nxd2 26.Qxd2 Rb1+ 27.Kh2 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 a4 29.Qa2 Ra8 30.Qb1= followed by ♕b4, White should be fine. followed by ♕b4, White should be fine.]

25...Qf5



26.Nd2 Nb2

[26...Qf4+! 27.Kh1 Rb2! 28.Rxb2 Nxb2∓ threatening to take on f2 and also ... ♘ d3. threatening to take on f2 and also ...♘d3.]

27.Nf3?!

[27.Nf1!! was a very hard move, preparing ♘ g3 at any cost: was a very hard move, preparing ♘g3 at any cost: Qxf2 28.Ng3 now there is a ♕g5 threat, and the b2-knight isn't going anywherenow there is a ♕g5 threat, and the b2-knight isn't going anywhere h6 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '!' Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' Repels Qc1-g5' 29.Rb1 Rb3 1.07/22 *(29...a4=* -0.01/25 (Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH) keeps the balance.*)* 30.Nh1! Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' ±!' talk about creative knight moves!talk about creative knight moves! Qe2 31.Ng3 -0.01/22 Qf2 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '=' *(31...Qb5* 0.54/23 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '31...Qe2-f2 -0.01' *32.Qf4↑* with a strong initiative with a strong initiative*)* 32.Nh1 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '!' Qe2

A) Better is 33.Qf4!± 0.82/23 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: ' ±' Qa6 *(33...Qb5* Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH *34.Rf1)* 34.Rf1;

B) 33.Ng3= 0.01/23]

[27.Rxa5? Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Nd3 *(27...Qxf2 28.Nf1∓)* 28.Qf1 Rb2-+ *(28...Qf4+? 29.Kg1-+)*]

27...a4 28.Rxa4? -2.56/22 The position was tough, but this helps Black. The position was tough, but this helps Black.

[28.Kg3∓ -0.68/20 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH]

28...Nxa4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'

29.Rxa4 Rb2 30.Qe3 Qe4

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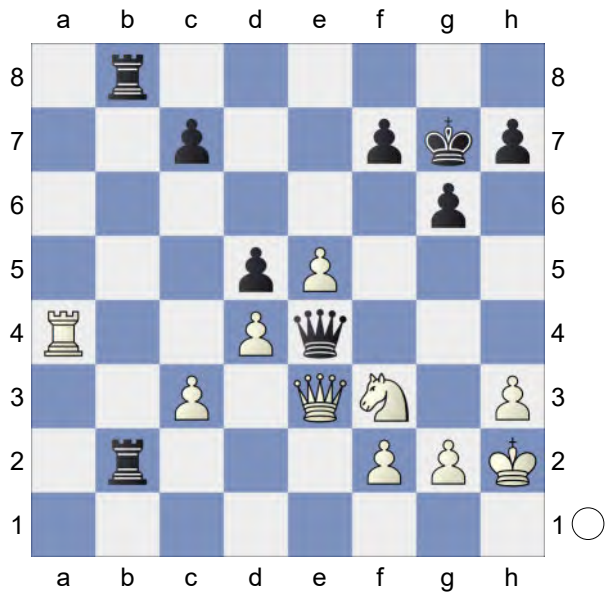
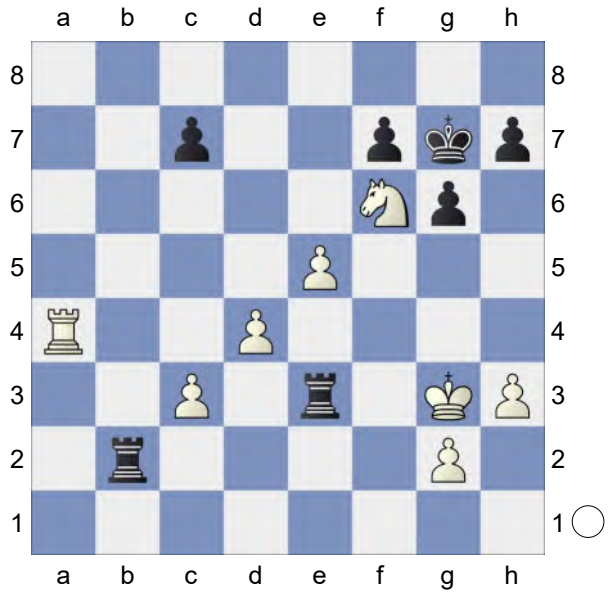
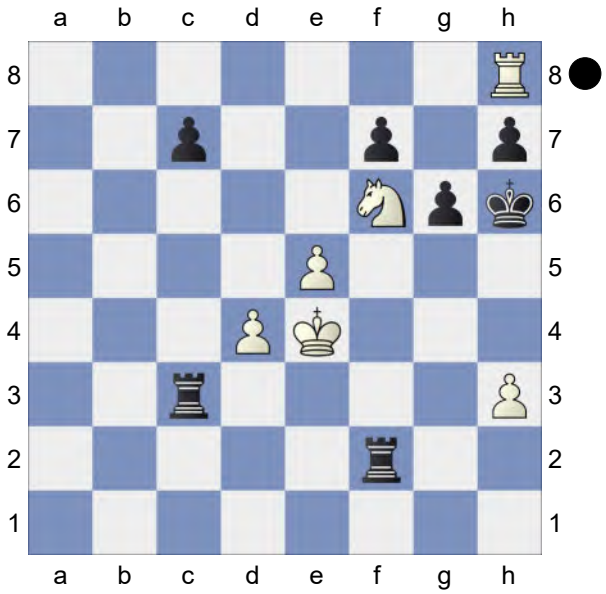


31.Qxe4 -2.78/20
[⩲31.Kg3 -1.85/22 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH]
31...dxe4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'
32.Ng5 Rxf2
[32...Re2! Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' Threatens to win with ...h7-h6!' threatening ...h6threatening ...h6 33.d5 e3 34.fxe3 Rbb2-+]
33.Nxe4 Re2 34.Nf6 Rbb2 35.Kg3 Re3+

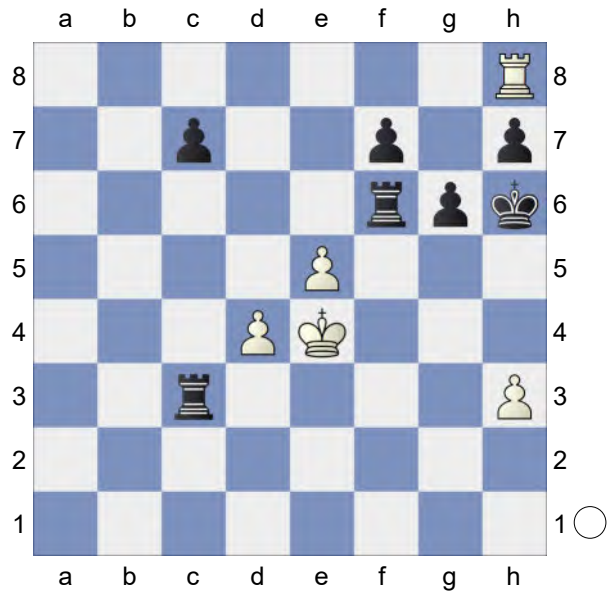


36.Kf4 -2.44/24
[36.Kh2∓ -1.39/24 (Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH) keeps fighting.]
36...Rxc3 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'
37.Ra8 Rxg2! -1.89/22
[⩲37...Rb4 -3.18/25 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH 38.Rg8+ Kh6]
38.Rg8+ Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'
38...Kh6 39.Rh8 -5.65/26 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '?'
[39.Ng4+ -1.93/23 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Kh5 40.Rg7]
39...Rf2+
[39...Rxh3 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH 40.Rxh7#]
40.Ke4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '



' **40...Rxf6!?** -1.83/21 The practical decision, leading to a very good rook endgame, that isn't that easy to convert. I like the decision generally, but here it almost cost Matlakov half a point.
[40...g5! was also winning (♘g4+ doesn't win the rook, because of ... ♔ g7, hitting h8). was also winning (♘g4+ doesn't win the rook, because of ...♔ g7, hitting h8). 41.Kd5 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Rf4 *(41...Rxh3? 42.Rxh7+ Kg6 43.Rxh3+-)*]
[40...Rxh3? Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH

41.Rxh7+ *(41.Nxh7? Kg7-+)* 41...Kg5 42.Rxh3+-]



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[Less strong is 41...Rxh3 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH 42.Rf8∓]

42.Rxh7 Kxf6 43.Rh8 -1.54/24

[⌓43.h4 -1.07/26 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH]

43...Kg5 44.h4+ -1.62/25

[44.d5∓ -1.19/23 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH]

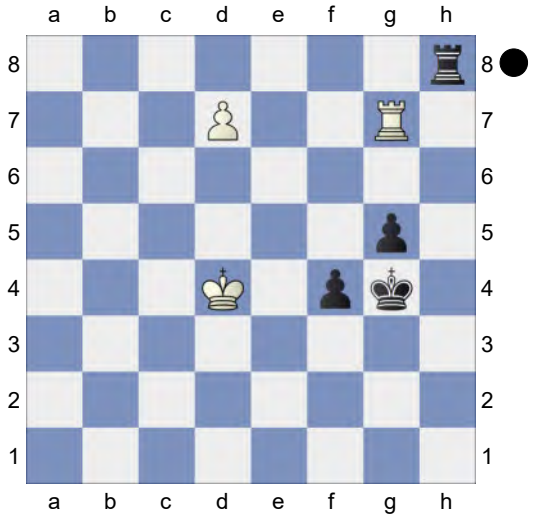
44...Kg4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'

45.d5 -2.46/26

[45.Rh6∓ -1.60/25 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH]

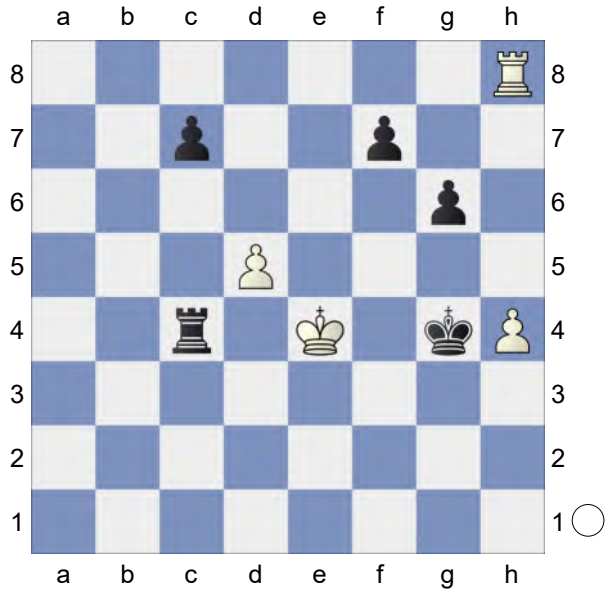
45...Rc4+? -0.76/25

[45...f5+! -2.46/26 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+!' Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' and Black stays clearly on top.' 46.Kd4 Rh3 47.Rh7 *(47.Rg8?* -2.98/24 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '47.Rh8-h7 -1.63' *Rxh4!* White can't take on g6 because of ... ♔h5+ White can't take on g6 because of ...♔h5+*)* 47...Rxh4 48.Rxc7 f4 -0.68/25 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '?' *(48...Rh8-+* -2.64/28 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH *49.Rg7 g5)* 49.d6 -1.53/26 *(* White should try *49.Rc1∓* -0.68/25 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH *)* 49...Rh8 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' ∓!' 50.Rg7 -3.47/26 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '?' *(50.d7* -6.05/24 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '?' Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '50.Rc7-g7 -1.76' *Rd8* Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '!' *51.Kd3 Kf3!* stopping White from bringing the king back to defence stopping White from bringing the king back to defence *52.Kd2; 50.Rc1∓* -1.24/25 (Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH) is a better defense.*)* 50...g5 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '-+' 51.d7 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '



' Rf8! Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' Hoping for ...f4-f3.' preparing ...f3 preparing ...f3 52.Re7 -5.35/23 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '?' *(52.Kd3* -2.63/28 (Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH) was forced. *f3 53.Kd2)* 52...Rd8 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+' 53.Rg7 Kf3!-+ transposing to another winning endgame, in case the pawn gets

e x c h a n g e d .transposing to another winning endgame, in case the pawn gets exchanged.]



46.Ke5? -4.49/23 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '
[46.Kd3! -0.76/25 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '∓' Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: ' is a better chance.' Rc1 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: ' aiming for ...Rc1-d1+.' *(46...Rf4* -0.01/25 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '46...Rc4-c1 -0.78' If the black rook leaves the c-file, then ♖c8 is played, with nice counterplay If the black rook leaves the c-file, then ♖c8 is played, with nice counterplay *47.Rc8!z)* 47.Kd4 and Black can't make any real progress and Black can't make any real progress *(47.Rh7* Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH *)* 47...f5 -0.01/26 *(47...Rd1+∓* -0.94/23 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH *48.Ke5 f5)* 48.Rg8=]

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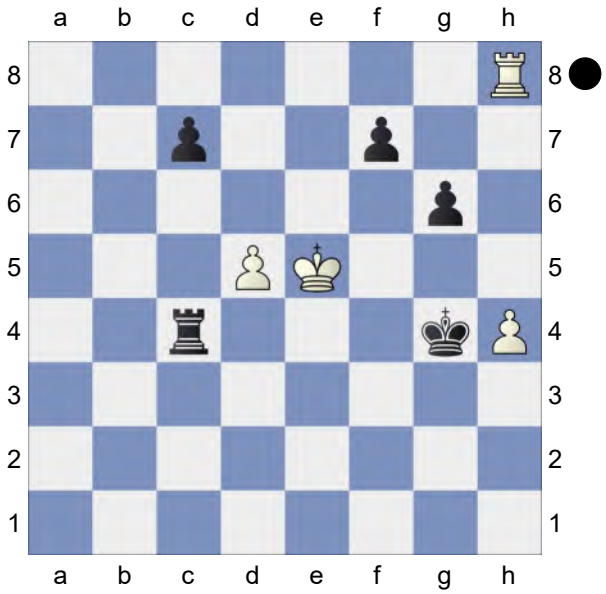

' **46...f5!** Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+!' Now Black is winning again.Now Black is winning again. **47.h5 Re4+** -1.80/5
[47...gxh5 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH 48.Rg8+ Kf3 49.Kxf5=]
[⌓47...Kg5 -4.02/27 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH 48.Ke6 gxh5 49.Rg8+ Kf4]
48.Kf6 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'
48...gxh5 49.Rc8 -8.39/25 Mekhitarian, Sevag, MH: '?'
[49.Rg8+ -2.60/25 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH Kf4 50.Rg1]
49...f4 Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH: '-+'
50.Rxc7 f3

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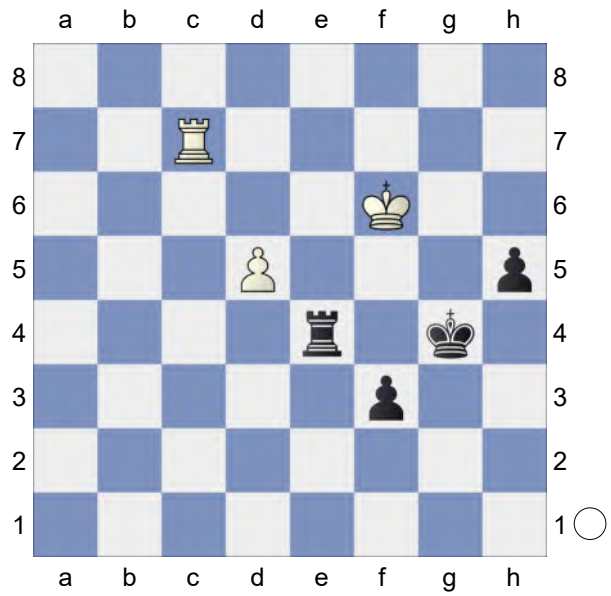
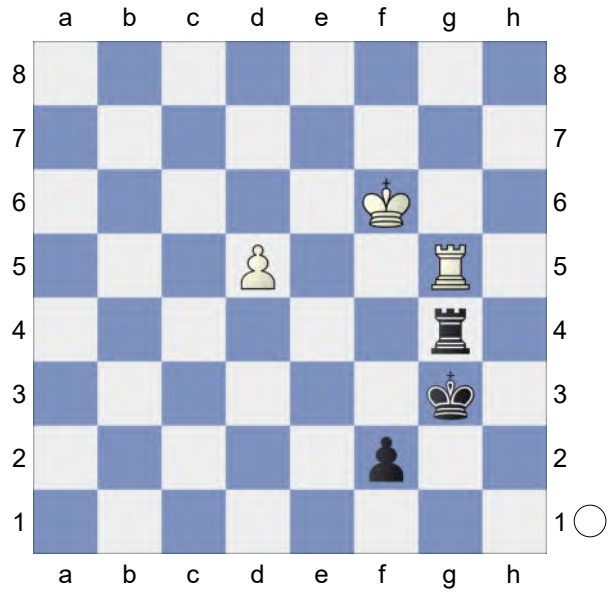


And the f-pawn is unstoppable.
And the f-pawn is unstoppable. **51.Rg7+ Kf4 52.Rh7 f2 53.Rxh5 Kg3**
[53...f1R? (Mekhitarian,Sevag, MH) too greedy. 54.Rf5+ Ke3 55.Rxf1+-]
54.Rg5+ Rg4



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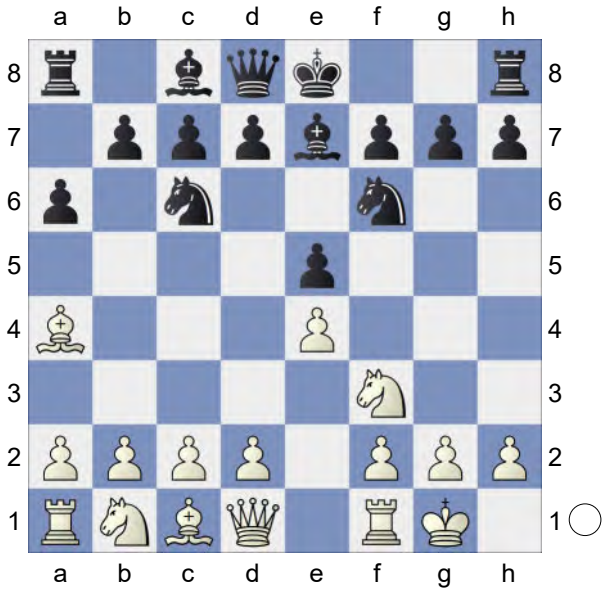
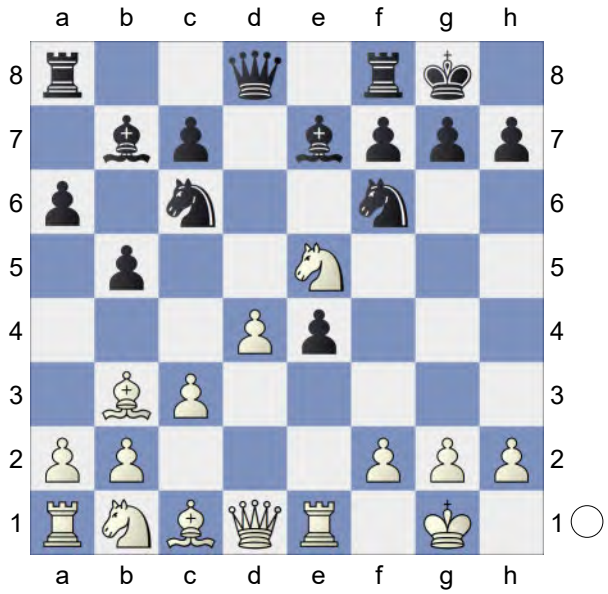
135 **C89**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2767**
Norway Chess 8th (10) 16.10.2020
[Szabo,Krisztian]

Kitty Kat: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' **1.e4** Kitty Kat Krasenkow,Michal Paunovic,Tomislav **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



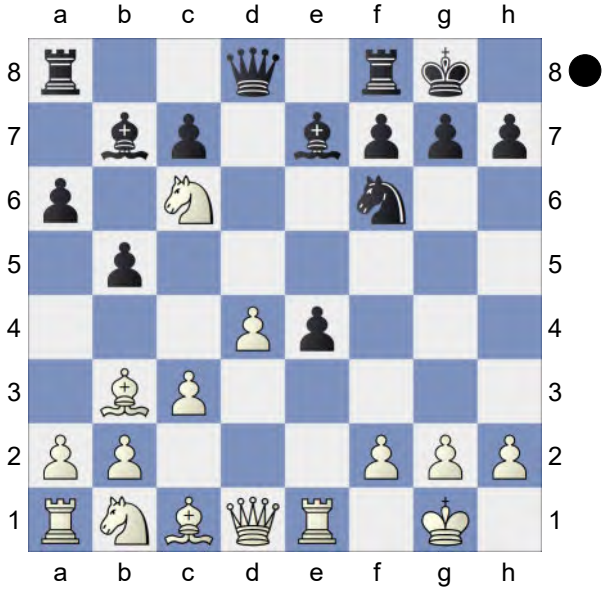
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 dxe4
[9...exd4 when White should be OK.]
[9...Nxe4!? Krasenkow,Michal]
10.Nxe5 Bb7 Krasenkow,Michal: 'This kind of position, after the exchange of light-squared bishops, is considered absolutely safe for Black. However, Magnus Carlsen is ready to play it and finds an unusual idea.
'
[10...Nxe5 Kitty Kat: ' simplifies' 11.dxe5 Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Nd7 *(12...Nd5* Kitty Kat *)* 13.Bc2 *(13.Rxe4* Krasenkow,Michal: ' ∞' '∞' *Nc5 14.Rd4 Ne6)* 13...Nxe5-+ *(13...Bb7* Kitty Kat *14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Nc5 16.Re2 Nd3 17.Nd2 Rfe8 18.Nf3 Bf6 19.a4 Rad8 20.Be3 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.g3 f6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 Rb8 25.Bc5 Kf7 26.Rd2 g5 27.Rd7+* ½-½ Broomhead (2347)-Nielsen,R (2062) 458 Linz 2015 (4)*)* 14.Bxe4 Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bg3 *(16.Bxe5* Krasenkow,Michal *Bxe5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7!! 18.Rxe5 Rd8 19.Kf1 f6* Black can't keep his material advantage and avoid perpetual at the same time. but not *20.Re3?? Rd1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1* Krasenkow,Michal *Bf5 23.Na3 Re8+∞ 24.Kd2? Rd8+* Perhaps it is time for Carlsen to switch to defence with *25.Ke3* Krasenkow,Michal: ' ⩍''⩍' *Re8+ 26.Kd2 Rd8+)* 16...Nc4!-+ Krasenkow,Michal: 'Alternative:' 17.b3!? would have been an alternative choice, Krasenkow,Michal: 'with possible ideas g2-g3 or Rf3-f4 but, of course, it is very difficult to figure out that after' Bxg3 18.hxg3 Nd6∓]



11.Nxc6!? Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

Krasenkow,Michal: 'White prepares to attack Black's king in the event of short castling. Common moves:'

[11.Nd2 Bd6 Kitty Kat 12.Ng4 *(12.f4 exf3 13.Ndxf3 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Ne4 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Rd7 Rxe5 19.Rxc7 Bd5 20.Bd4 Rf5 21.Re1 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nd2 23.Bc5 Rd8 24.b4* ½-½ Molaei, M (2688)-Ellithorpe,G (2742) 75/465 Cappelle la Grande 1999*)* 12...Na5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Nxe4 Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 Qh4+ 16.Kg1]



' Kitty Kat: 'N' **11...Bxc6** Paunovic, Tomislav: 'N' Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'A useful move anticipating White's long castling.'

12.Bg5 Krasenkow,Michal: '!?' '!?' Kitty Kat: '!' "I felt this is strange." (Aronian)

12...Nd5

[12...Bb7 13.Nd2↑ c5 Krasenkow, Michal 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxe4⩲ cxd4?! Paunovic,Tomislav 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6

A) 17.Qxd4= with perpetual. Qg6? does not work as, 18.f3! *(18.g3 Qc6; 18.Bd5 Rad8)*;

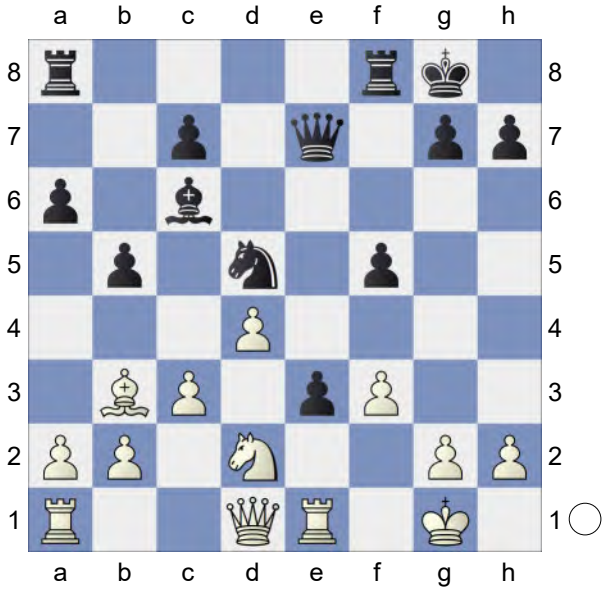
B) 17.cxd4∓ In case of 17...Rad8? 18.Re5!! was the brilliant reply, Qf4 19.g3-+ Rather than 19...Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4]

13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd2 f5 15.f3 0.39/21 Krasenkow,Michal: 'A harmless move. The bishop was well-placed on f4. '

[15.c4 0.78/20 Kitty Kat: '±' Krasenkow,Michal: 'is drawish, of course.' Nf6 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav' *(15...bxc4* Kitty Kat *16.Nxc4)* 16.cxb5+ Bd5= 17.bxa6!? Paunovic,Tomislav Rxa6 Paunovic,Tomislav]

15...e3 0.87/20

[15...Kh8 0.39/21 Krasenkow,Michal Kitty Kat: ' ⩱' 16.fxe4 Nf4 Paunovic, Tomislav 17.Bc2 Rae8 18.Qf3 Qh4]



16.c4 -1.49/21 Kitty Kat: '?'

[16.f4 0.87/20 Kitty Kat: ' ±!' Kh8∓ ⌓17.Qf3 Paunovic,Tomislav Krasenkow,Michal: ' ∓' '∓' Krasenkow, Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav: ' ⌓" ⌓Qd7 Krasenkow,Michal 18.Bxd5 Krasenkow,Michal Bxd5 19.Qxe3 was too late due to Rae8 ⌓20.Qd3=

Paunovic,Tomislav Krasenkow,Michal: '!?' '!?' Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic, Tomislav: ' ⩲ =" Krasenkow,Michal: 'was the safest way to a draw:' Qc6 Krasenkow,Michal 21.Nf3 Be4 22.Qf1!= Chesspro.ru]

16...Nf4 Kitty Kat: '↑' Kitty Kat: ' Keeping White busy.' **17.cxb5+ Kh8** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Black is much more active.'

[17...Bd5 Kitty Kat 18.g3 *(18.Nf1 Qf7±)* 18...e2 *(18...Nh3+? 19.Kg2+-)* 19.Bxd5+ Nxd5 *(19...Kh8 20.Qb3±)* 20.Rxe2± *(20.Qxe2 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 axb5±)*]

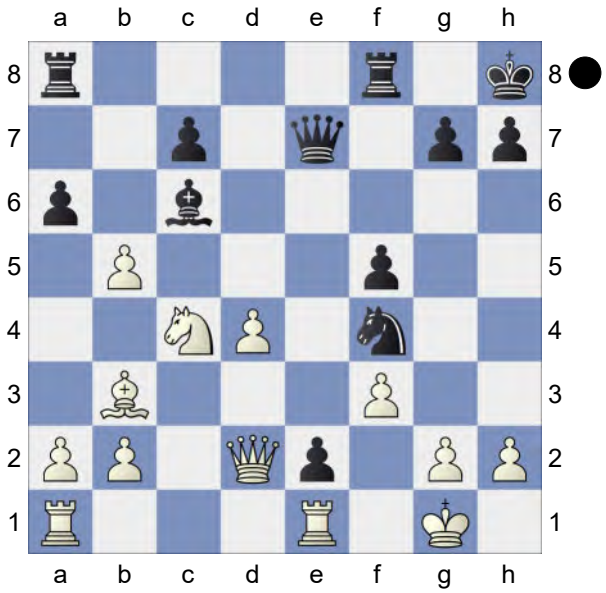
18.Nc4 Krasenkow,Michal: 'This attempt to create an attack fails as White has too few pieces on the kingside.'

[18.bxc6 Kitty Kat e2]

18...e2

[18...Bxb5 Kitty Kat 19.g3 *(19.Nxe3 Nd3∓; 19.Rxe3 Qg5∓)* 19...Bxc4 20.gxf4 Bxb3 21.Qxb3∓]

19.Qd2 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

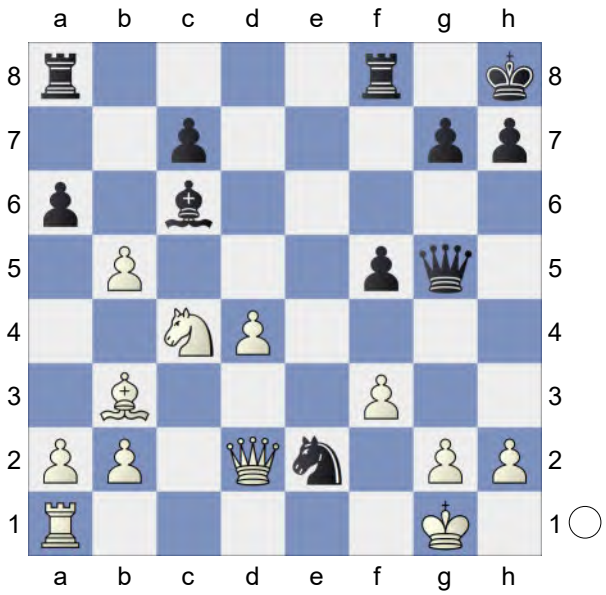


' **19...Qg5** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Chess con chili.' Krasenkow,Michal: 'The simplest. Black temporarily sacrifices a pawn, then regains it with an excellent position.

' **20.Rxe2**

[20.g3 Nh3+ 21.Kg2 Bxf3+ 22.Kxf3 Qg4+ 23.Kg2 f4= 24.Ne5 f3+ 25.Kh1 Qe4]

20...Nxe2+



21.Qxe2 Bxb5 Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!'

[21...axb5 Kitty Kat 22.Ne5 Be8 23.Re1=]

22.Qe3 -1.79/22

[22.a4∓ -1.26/20 (Kitty Kat) might work better. Bxc4 23.Bxc4]

22...f4 -1.19/21

[22...Qxe3+∓ -1.79/22 ⊥ Kitty Kat: '-+' - Black already has connected passed pawns and keeps winning chances. 23.Nxe3 Rad8 *(23...a5 Kitty Kat)* 24.Nd5 Rd7 25.Nf4 Rb8 26.d5 a5]

23.Qe5 Qh4 24.Qe1 Qxe1+ Krasenkow,Michal: ' ∓' '∓'Krasenkow, Michal: 'Black is better as White's g3 rook is out of play. Still, White should hold on after all.

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[24...Qd8]

25.Rxe1 Bxc4

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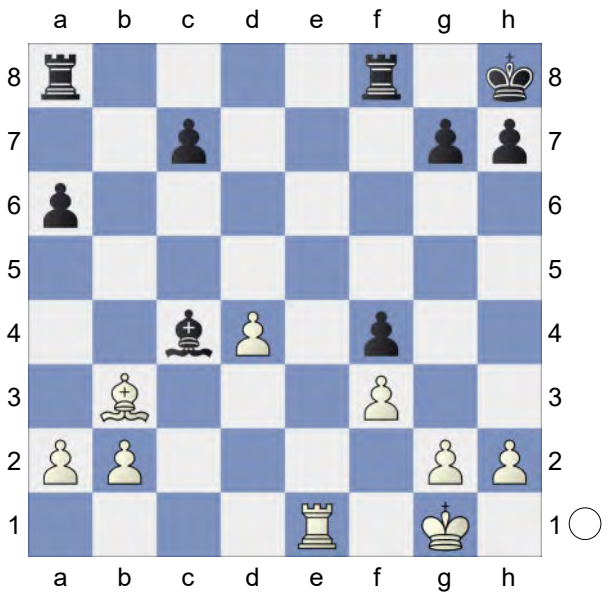

Kitty Kat: '!' **26.Bxc4** Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KRR-KRB' **26...c6** -1.01/22
[26...Rfe8!? -1.55/21 Krasenkow, Michal Kitty Kat: 'ᗅ'
A) 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bxa6 *(28.Kf2* Kitty Kat *a5-+)* 28...Rb8!;
B) 27.Rc1 Krasenkow,Michal 27...c6 Krasenkow,Michal: '∓' '∓' - see above 28.Bd3!? Krasenkow, Michal Re6 29.Be4 Rd8 30.Bxc6 Chesspro.ru Re2!? Krasenkow, Michal]
27.Re6 Rf6 Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for ... Rf6xe6.' **28.Re4 a5** -0.81/24
[ᗅ28...Rd6 -1.23/23 (Kitty Kat) aiming for ...Ra8-d8. 29.Rxf4 Rad8]
29.h4 Rd8 30.Re5 -1.56/25
[30.b3 -0.94/23 Kitty Kat: 'ᗅ' with good winning chances, according to Chesspro.ru]
30...a4
[30...Rxd4 Kitty Kat 31.Re8+]

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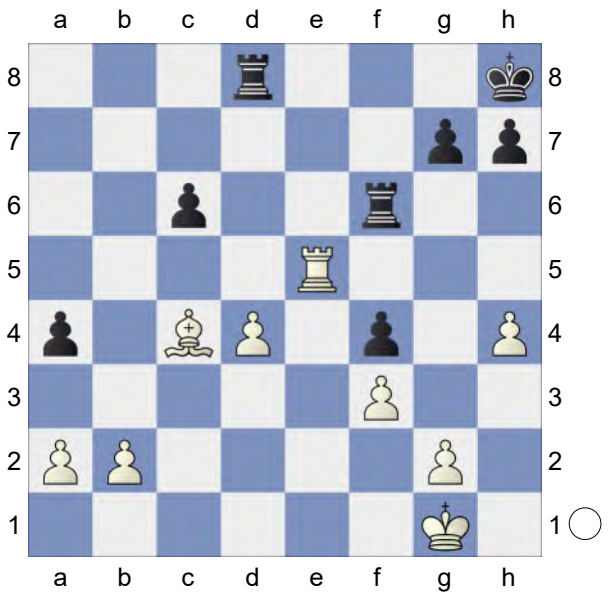

31.Ra5 Rfd6
[Weaker is 31...Rxd4 Kitty Kat 32.Ra8+ *(32.Rxa4 h5∓; 32.Rxa4 h5∓)*]
32.Rxa4 Rxd4 33.b3 g6 34.Kh2 Kg7 -0.96/25
[34...Rd2 -1.52/25 Kitty Kat: 'ᗅ' Kitty Kat: ' ...Rd2-f2 is the strong threat.' 35.Be6 *(35.Ra6 Rc2-+ 36.Rxc6!?* Krasenkow,Michal *Rdd2; 35.h5* Kitty Kat *gxh5)* 35...R8d6 36.Bh3 R6d4 37.Ra8+= Kg7! Krasenkow, Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav' is correct, and only after]
35.Ra6 -1.49/26
[Better is 35.Kh3 -0.96/25 Kitty Kat]
35...Rd2

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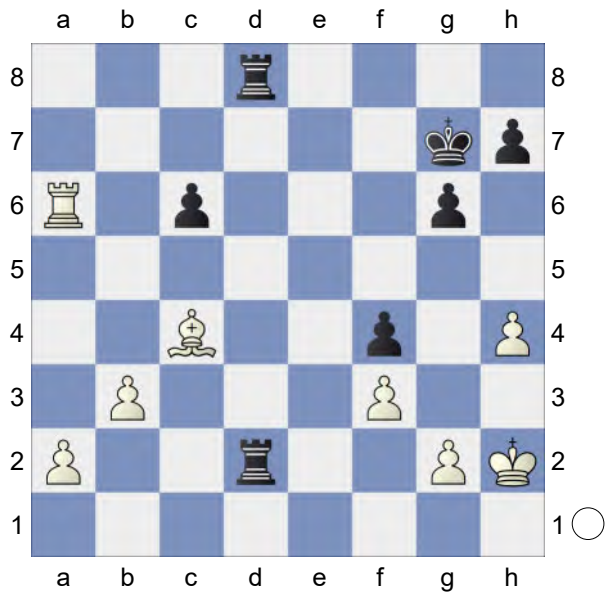

36.a4 -1.91/26
[36.Ra7+∓ -1.16/25 Kitty Kat Kf6 37.Rf7+ Ke5 38.Re7+ Kf5 39.Rf7+ Ke5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Rf7+ Ke5]
36...Rf2 Kitty Kat: '-+'
[36...h5 37.Rxc6 Ra2 38.Rc7+ Kh6 39.Rf7 Rdd2 40.Bf1 Rf2 41.Kg1 Rfc2 42.Kh2= Rc3 43.Rxf4 Rxb3 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav' 44.Bb5]
37.Ra7+ Krasenkow,Michal: '?!' '?!'
[37.Rxc6 Rdd2]
37...Kh8 Paunovic,Tomislav: '∓' Kitty Kat: '!' **38.Kh3** Kitty Kat: '

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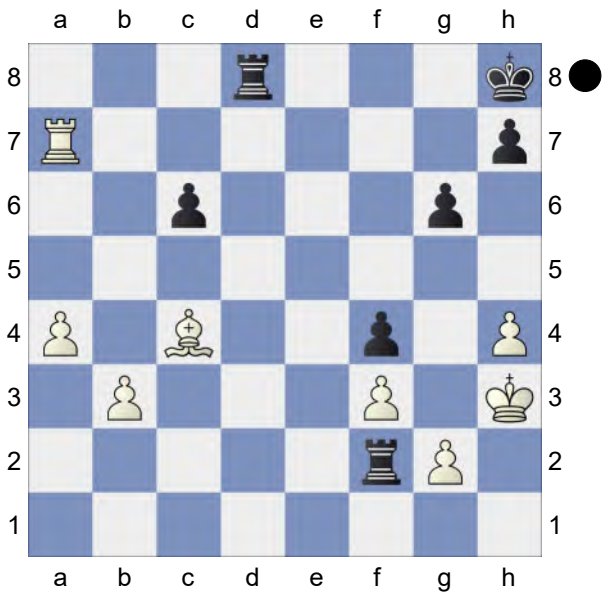
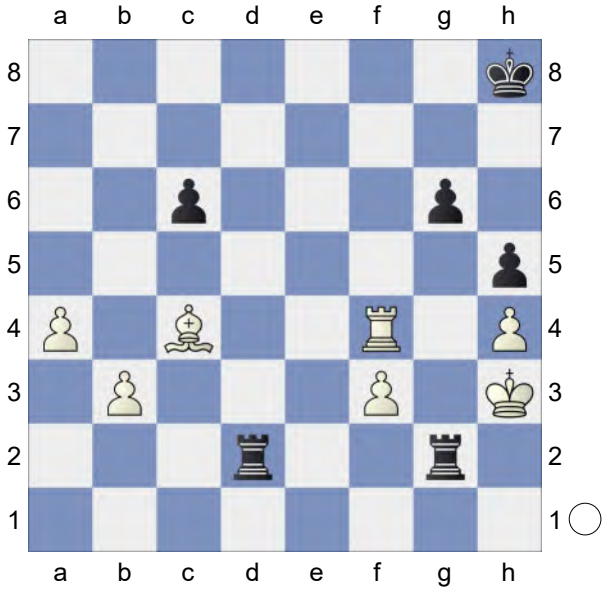


' **38...h5** Kitty Kat: ' White must now prevent ...Rd8-d1.'
[38...Rdd2 Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav' 39.Kg4]
39.Rf7 Rdd2 40.Rxf4 Rxg2



Krasenkow,Michal: '?!' '?!' Kitty Kat: ' (-> ...Rg2-h2+)' **41.Rf7 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 Rdg2+** Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' **43.Kf4** Krasenkow,Michal: '?!' '?!' **43...Rxh4+ 44.Ke5** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram

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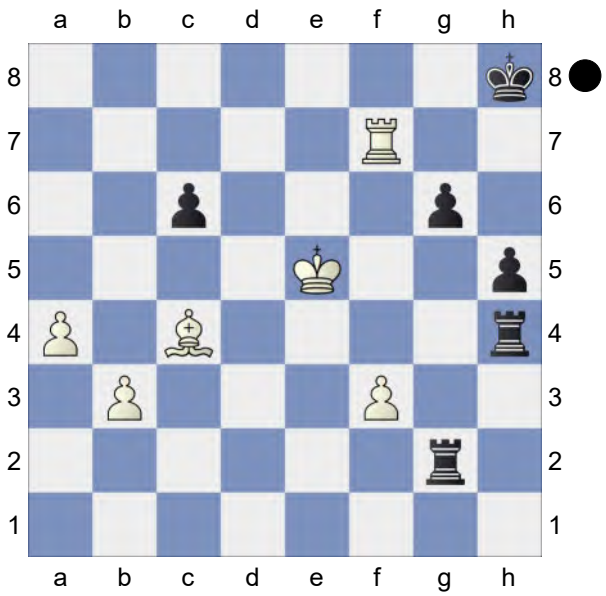

' **44...Rg5+** Paunovic,Tomislav: '?!' Kitty Kat: '!' **45.Kf6!** **Rf5+** -0.52/26

[45...Rg1 -1.34/24 Kitty Kat: '∓' Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...Rh4-f4+.' 46.Ke5!! Re1+

A) 47.Kf6 Rf4+ 48.Kg5= *(48.Kxg6 Rxf7 49.Kxf7 h4=)* 48...Rxf7 Paunovic,Tomislav 49.Bxf7 Kg7 50.Bc4 Krasenkow, Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav' Rg1+ 51.Kh4 Kf6;

B) Krasenkow,Michal: 'or' 47.Kd6

B1) 47...Rh2 Kitty Kat 48.Kxc6 *(48.a5 h4∓)* 48...h4;

B2) 47...Rd4+ Kitty Kat: ' ∓ ' *(48.Kxc6 h4)* 48...Rd8 49.Kxc6 Ra1]

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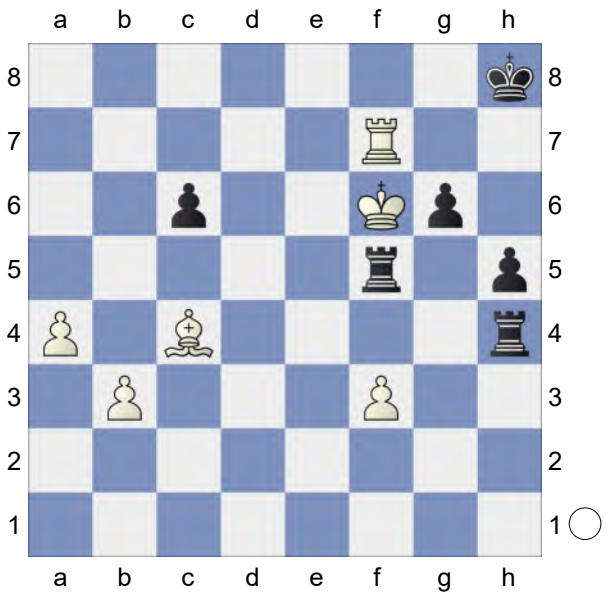

46.Kxg6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '=' Kitty Kat: ' ∓ ' **46...Rxf7** **47.Bxf7** Paunovic, Tomislav: '!' Kitty Kat: ' KR-KB' **47...Rf4** -0.01/29

[47...Rh1∓ -0.44/27 Kitty Kat]

48.Be6 Kitty Kat: '=' **48...Rxf3**

[48...h4-+ 49.Kg5 Krasenkow,Michal Rd4 50.f4 Rd6-+ 51.Bg4 Krasenkow, Michal Rd3 52.Kxh4 Rxb3! 53.Kg5 Rb4-+ 54.a5 Krasenkow,Michal Ra4 55.Kf6 Rxa5 56.Be6!]

49.Kxh5 **Re3** **50.Bc4?** Krasenkow, Michal: '??' '??' Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav: '?''Krasenkow, Michal: 'A terrible mistake when the draw was close:' **50...Kg7-+**

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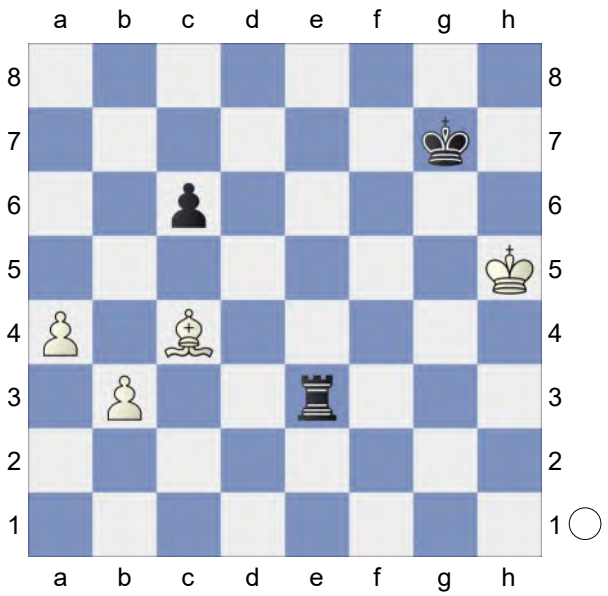
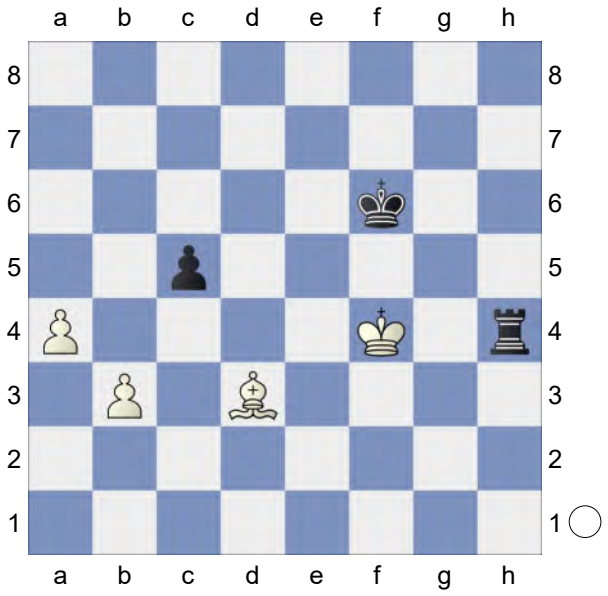


Krasenkow,Michal: 'Paunovic,Tomislav: '-+" **51.Kg5 Re5+** 0.00/28
[51...Kf8∓ -0.43/28 Kitty Kat]
52.Kf4 Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.'
52...Kf6 Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!'Krasenkow, Michal: 'White's rook can't stop Black's b-pawn from behind now.' **53.Bd3 Rh5 54.Be4 c5** Krasenkow,Michal: '!' '!' **55.Bd3 Rh4+**



56.Ke3 Ke5 57.a5 Rh3+ 58.Ke2 Kd4 Krasenkow,Michal **59.Bc4**
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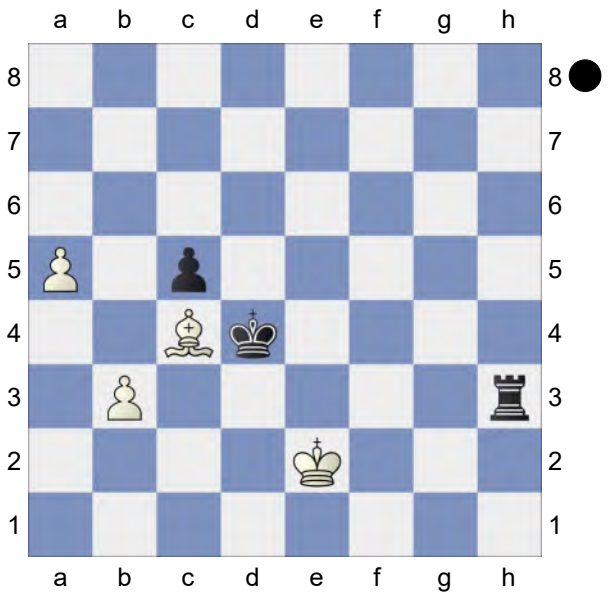

Kitty Kat: ' Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) . Loss on time!?'
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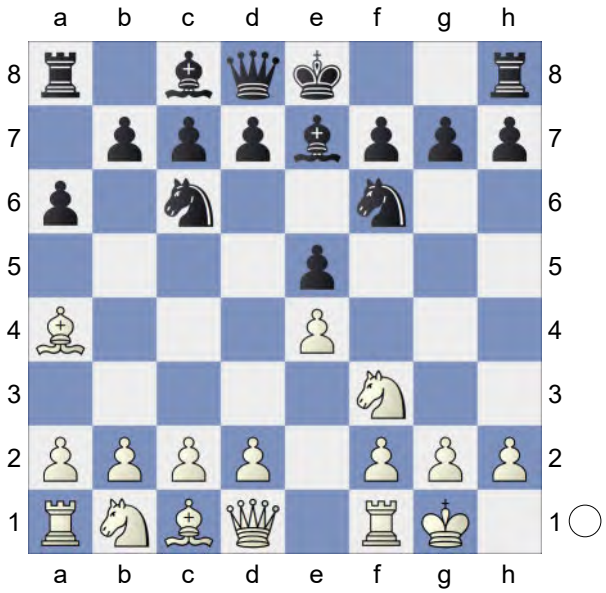
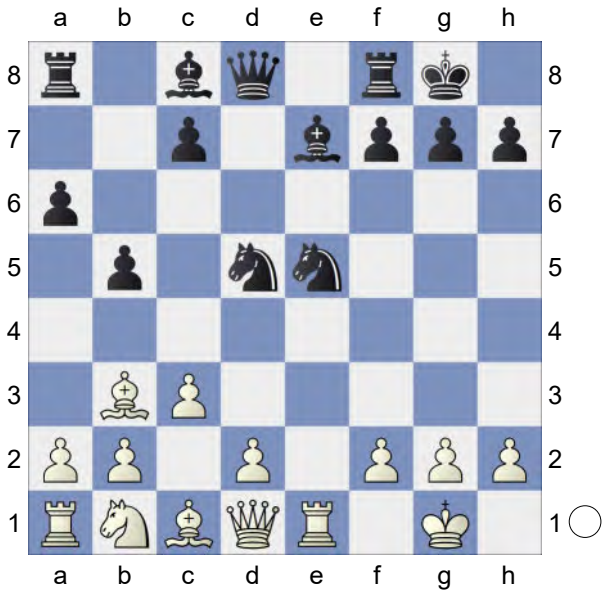
136 **C89**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2756**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2812**
Vugar Gashimov Mem 2019 (3) 02.04.19
[Mikhalevski,V]

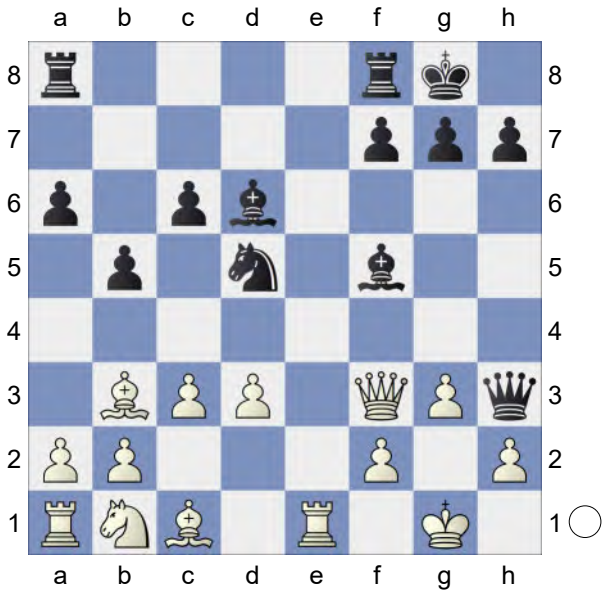
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3



Milanovic,Danilo: '*' **16.Nd2** According to theory this line doesn't promise any advantage for White. Either Radjabov prepared an improvement or he is happy with a draw. According to theory this line doesn't promise any advantage for White. Either Radjabov prepared an improvement or he is happy with a draw.

[Most of the recent games on the top level feature 16.Be3 like So,W (2799)-Ding Liren (2769) Berlin GER 2018 [Mikhalevski,V]]

[Earlier White preferred Earlier White preferred 16.Bxd5 Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] Paravyan,D (2525)-Swiercz,D (2645) Moscow RUS 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ *(18...Qh5* - 131/126) 19.Kxg2 Bxd3⩱]

16...Rae8 **17.Ne4** The point of the previous move. White blocks the e-file with the knight in order to avoid an exchange of rooks. The point of the previous move. White blocks the e-file with the knight in order to avoid an

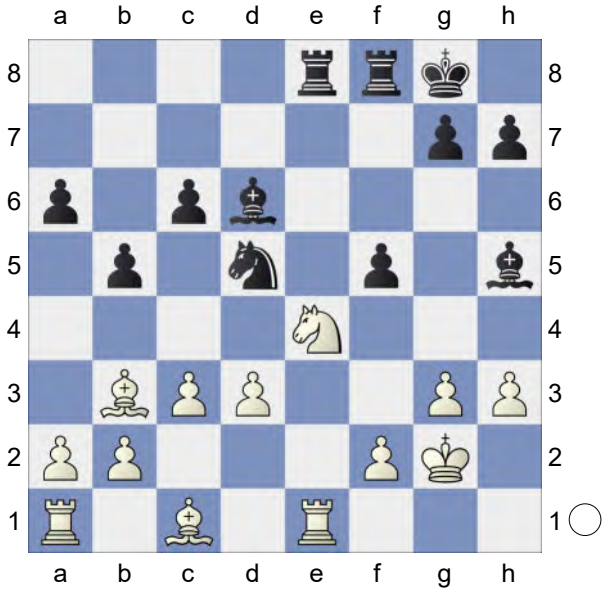
exchange of rooks. **17...Bg4!** This move forces the white queen to g2. **18.Qg2**

[18.Qh1 loses to f5-+]

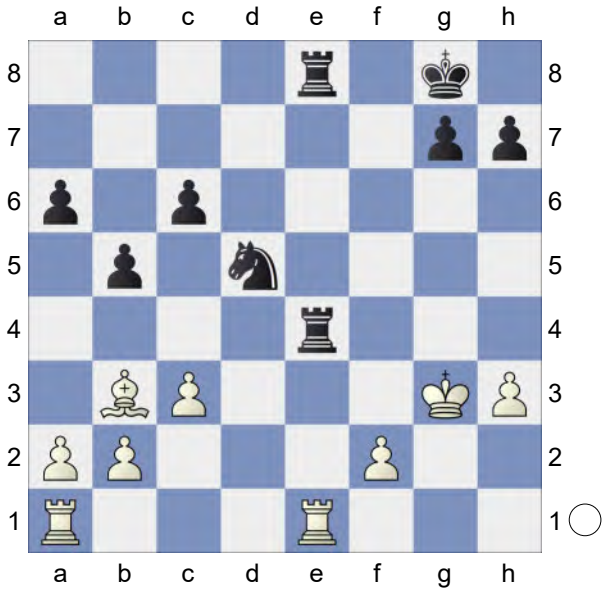
18...Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 An attempt to win a piece. That's why an exchange of queens was initiated. An attempt to win a piece. That's why an exchange of queens was initiated. **20.h3**

[White also tested the immediate 20.Bf4 This move leads to the text, but with the h-pawn on h2. Bxf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Bf3+! 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 Re5 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 a5 29.Rc1 Kf8 30.Bxd5 *(30.h4!?* deserved attention, to stop 30... Rg5. deserved attention, to stop 30...Rg5. deserved attention, to stop 30... Rg5.*)* 30...Rg5+ 31.Kf4 Rxd5 32.Rxc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rxh2 34.Rxa5 Rxb2 and soon a draw was agreed in Polgar, J (2735)-Svidler,P (2738) San Luis 2005]

20...Bh5



21.Bf4! A nice tactical idea. White blocks the f-file in order to prevent ...Bf3+ after 21...fxe4 22.dxe4. A nice tactical idea. White blocks the f-file in order to prevent ...Bf3+ after 21...fxe4 22.dxe4. **21...Bxf4 22.gxf4 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bf3+!** In order to save the knight on d5 Black gives back the light-squared bishop, in exchange for two pawns. In order to save the knight on d5 Black gives back the light-squared bishop, in exchange for two pawns. **24.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 25.Kg3 Rfxe4**



26.Rxe4 Rxe4 This position has been seen a few times, and at least three of them were played by Aronian. The endgame is slightly more pleasant for White thanks to the bishop vs knight advantage in an open position. Additionally R+B is usually a better combination than R+N. This position has been seen a few times, and at least three of them were played by Aronian. The endgame is slightly more pleasant for White thanks to the bishop vs knight advantage in an open position. Additionally R+B is usually a better combination than R+N. **27.f3 Re2!** Aronian demonstrated this defence back in 2005. Aronian demonstrated this defence back in 2005.

[In two other games the Armenian GM retreated the rook to e5. In two other games the Armenian GM retreated the rook to e5. 27...Re5 28.c4 bxc4 29.Bxc4 a5 30.Rc1 Rg5+ 31.Kf2 Kf8 32.Bd3 Radjabov played like this four years ago. *(* Earlier Levon faced *32.Bf1 Ne7 33.Rc4 Rd5 34.Ra4 Ke8 35.Bc4 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Kd7* and Black held a draw in Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Wijk aan Zee 2008. and Black held a draw in Polgar,J (2707)-Aronian,L (2739) Wijk aan Zee 2008.*)* 32...Nb4 33.Bxh7 g6 34.Rd1 Nxa2 35.Ra1 Nb4 36.h4 Rh5 37.Bxg6 Rxh4 38.Kg3 Rd4 39.Rxa5 Rd2 40.b3 Rb2 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. 1/ 2-1/ 2 (56) Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. ü-ü (56) Radjabov, T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015 Black won back the b2-pawn and achieved a drawish endgame. 1/ 2-1/2 (56) Radjabov,T (2734)-Aronian,L (2797) Wijk aan Zee 2015]

28.c4! The only attempt to set problems is to create weak pawns on the queenside. **28...bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Bxa6** White has obtained a passed pawn. **30...g5!** A strong move, which fixes the white pawns on dark squares. Milanovic,Danilo: 'Diagram

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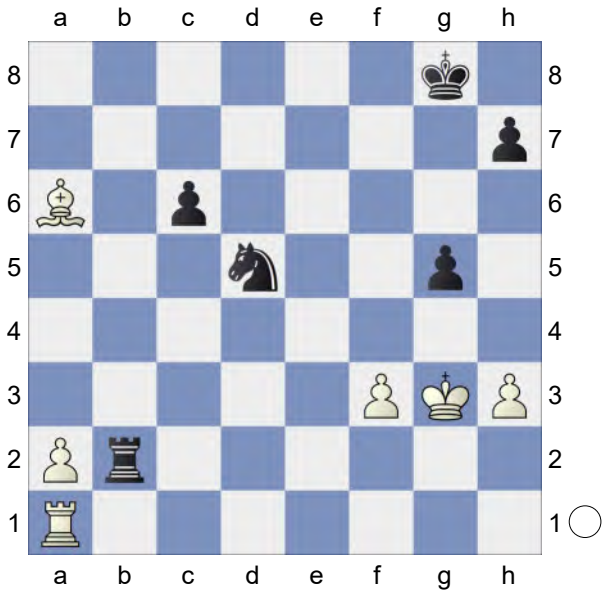

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[In the only preceding game White played 31.a4 , but after Kg7! 32.a5 Nf4 33.Bf1 Kg6! 34.h4 Kf5! 35.a6 a draw was agreed in Nakamura,H (2613)-Aronian,L (2684) Caleta 2005 in view of Nh5+ 36.Kh3 Nf4+=]

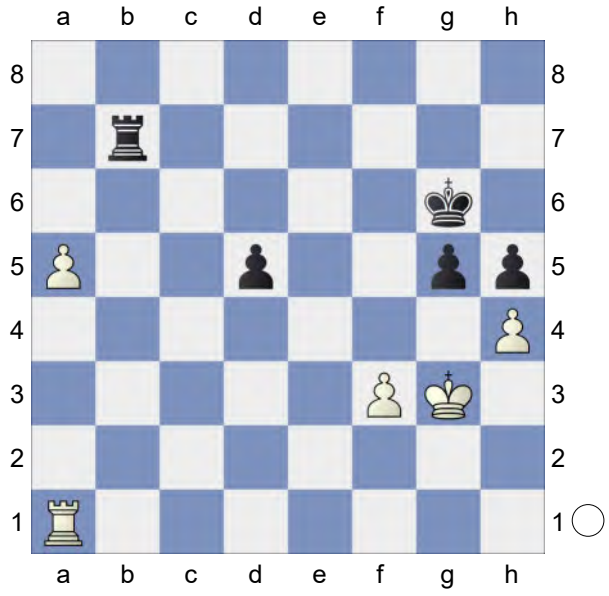
31...Kg7! Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. Following Aronian's advice. Now White has to eliminate the potentially strong knight. Otherwise both 32...Ne3 and 32... Nf4 will be dangerous. **32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.a4** Time to advance the passed pawn.

33...h5! Black seems to fully ignore the a-pawn, but in fact he has created serious counterplay. Black seems to fully ignore the a-pawn, but in fact he has created serious counterplay. **34.h4** White solves the problem of his king.

[In case of In case of 34.a5 h4+ 35.Kg4 Kg6 White has to play 36.f4 in order to prevent the two checkmates from g2 and b4. in order to prevent the two checkmates from g2 and b4. Rb4! 37.Kf3 *(37.Rf1 Ra4* is equal. *)* 37...Rxf4+ 38.Ke3 Re4+ 39.Kd3 Re8 40.a6 Ra8 41.Ra4 Kf5 42.a7 g4 43.hxg4+ Kg5 44.Ke3 h3 45.Kf3 h2 46.Kg2 d4! with an easy draw.]

34...Kg6 35.a5 Rb7!?

[Another option is 35...gxh4+ 36.Kxh4 Kf5 37.a6 Rb8 38.a7 Ra8 39.Ra4 d4! 40.Kg3 Rg8+ 41.Kf2 Ra8 and eventually Black will force an exchange of his pawns for the a7-pawn with a dead draw. and eventually Black will force an exchange of his pawns for the a7-pawn with a dead draw.]



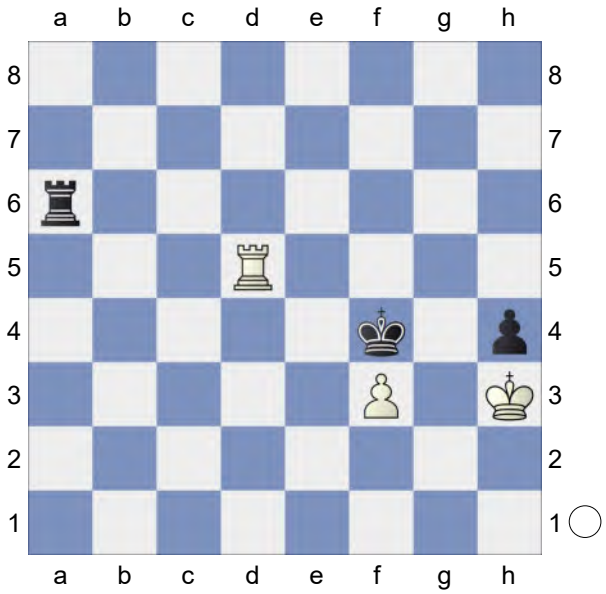
Although the rook will be passive Black achieves a draw with ease. Milanovic, Danilo: '=' '=' **36.a6 Ra7 37.hxg5 Kxg5 38.Ra5**

[38.f4+ Kf5 39.Kf3 Kf6 40.Ra5 *(or 40.Ke3 h4* and Black is going to deflect the rook from a1. and Black is going to deflect the rook from a1.*)* 40...Ke6]

38...h4+ 39.Kh3

[39.Kg2 Kf4 is also very drawish. is also very drawish.]

39...Kf4 40.Rxd5 Rxa6



41.Kxh4 Rh6+ 42.Rh5 Rxh5+ 43.Kxh5 Kxf3

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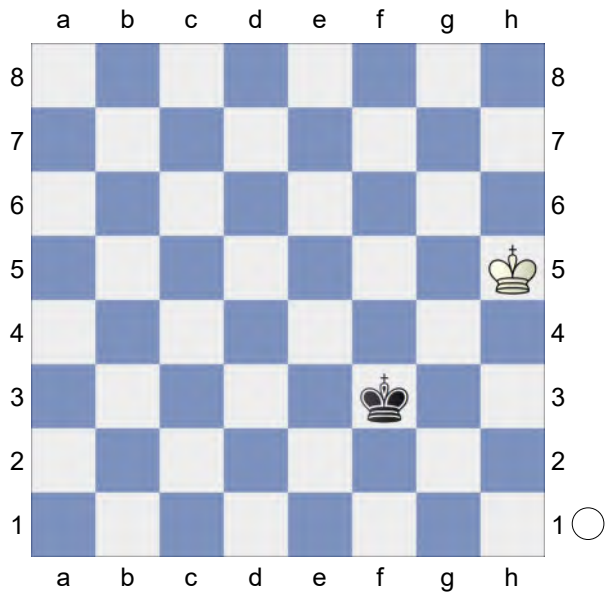

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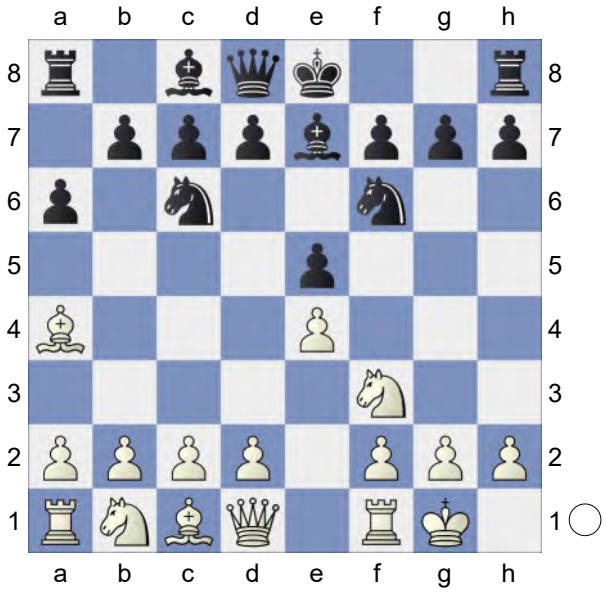
□ **Blomqvist,Erik** **2499**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2756**
34th ECC Open 2018 (6.4) 17.10.2018
[Sam Collins]

Sam Collins,MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' **1.e4** Sam Collins,MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 A new move for us, but a very logical setup which has been tested by several GMs. **7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3** Not strictly necessary in my view. **8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5**

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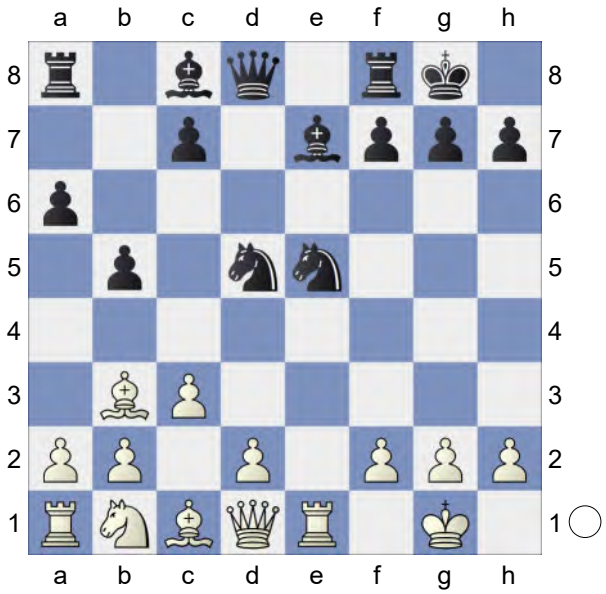
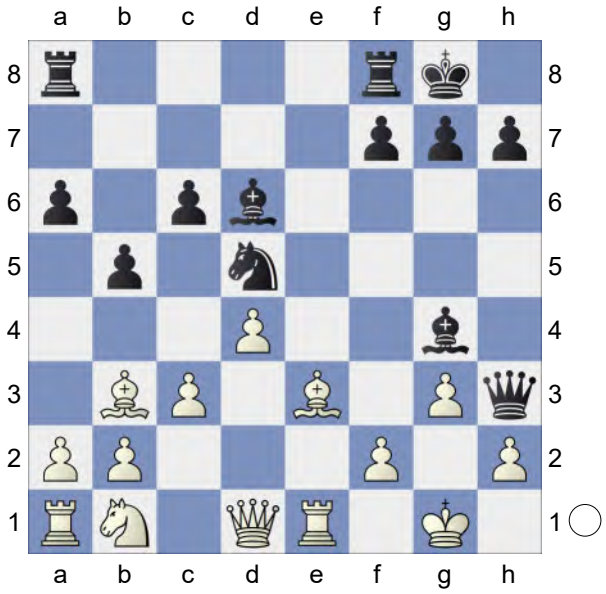


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4

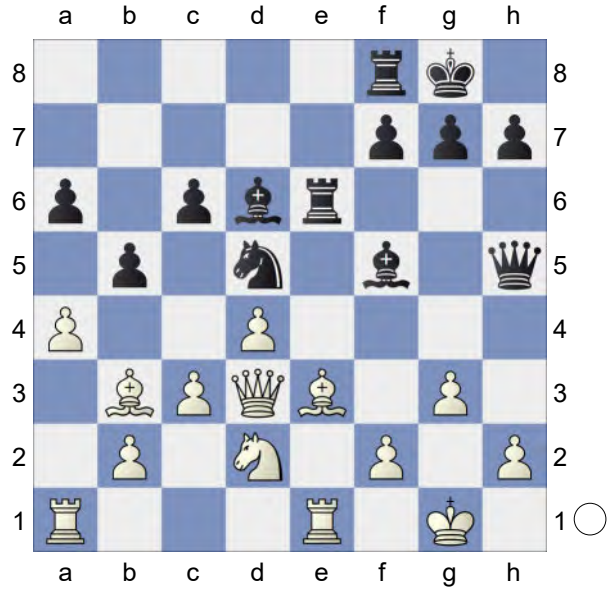


16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6= Black has completed development with no problems, and Svidler starts playing ambitiously on the queenside. **18.Qf1 Qh5 19.a4 Bh3 20.Qd3** Sam Collins, MH: 'N'

[20.Bd1 Qf5 21.Qe2 Bf4 is possible since 22.Qf3 Rfe8 23.Nf1 Sam Collins,MH: '!' Bxf1 gives White the opposition and a draw. 24.Rxf1 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Bxe3+= 26.Kg2 Qg6]

[20.Qe2 Sam Collins,MH Bg4 21.f3 Rxe3 22.Qf2 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Bd7 24.Ne4 Qg6 25.Bc2 Bf5 26.Re2 9.g4 ♗e6 10. ♘e6 fe6_82883-Kakageldyev,A Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) 2006]

20...Bf5



21.Bd1 Qxh2+ Sam Collins,MH: 'The position is equal.'

[21...Qxd1 Sam Collins,MH 22.Qxf5 Nxe3 23.Qxe6 *(23.Raxd1? Nxf5 24.Rxe6 fxe6-+)* 23...fxe6 24.Rexd1 *(24.Raxd1 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 bxa4+-)* 24...Nxd1 25.Rxd1±]

[21...Qg6 (Sam Collins,MH) is interesting. 22.Qf1 bxa4 23.Bxa4 Rb8]

22.Kxh2 Bxd3 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bf3 Nxe3 0.73/23

[24...Rfe8]

[24...h6= 0.08/22 Sam Collins,MH]

25.Rxe3 Sam Collins,MH: '±' **25...Rxe3**

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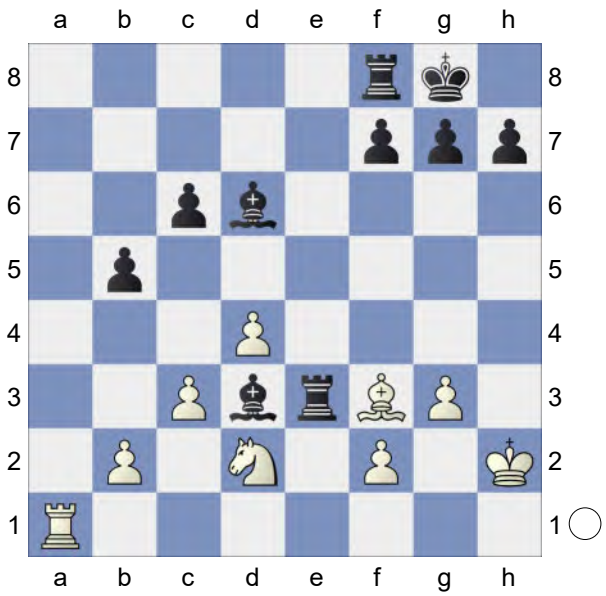


26.fxe3 c5∓ 27.Be4 Be2

[27...Bxe4 3.03/23 Sam Collins,MH: '?' Sam Collins,MH: '27...Bd3-c4 0.80' 28.Nxe4 Be7 29.Nxc5]

28.Kg2 g6 29.Kf2 Bg4 1.27/21

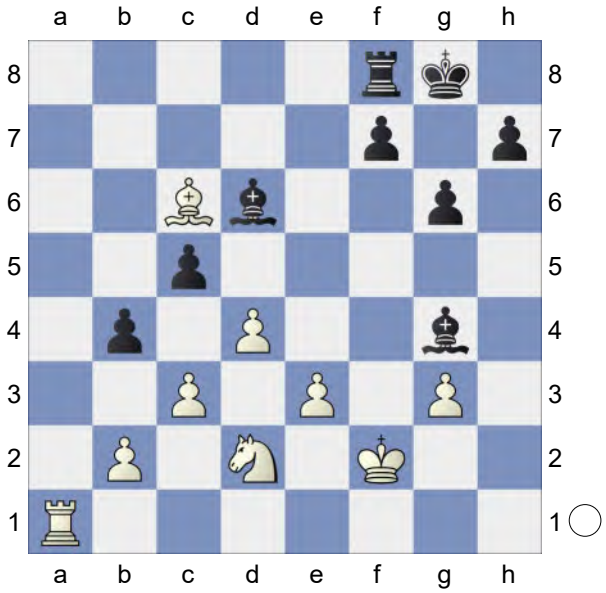
[⌓29...Bc4 0.90/23 Sam Collins,MH]

30.Bc6 0.62/21

[30.Bf3!± 1.27/21 Sam Collins,MH Bf5 31.g4]

30...b4 1.19/21

[30...cxd4± 0.62/21 Sam Collins,MH 31.exd4 f5]



31.Ne4 Sam Collins,MH: ' ±' **31...Be7**
32.Ra7 0.74/24
[32.dxc5 Sam Collins,MH bxc3 33.bxc3 Be6±]
[White should play 32.Nxc5 1.15/22 Sam Collins,MH bxc3 33.bxc3]
32...bxc3 33.bxc3
[33.Rxe7? Sam Collins,MH c2 *(33...cxb2? 34.Rb7+-)* 34.Nf6+ Kg7 *(34...Kh8? 35.Nxg4 c1Q 36.Kg2-+)* 35.Nxg4 c1Q-+ *(35...c1B? 36.Rb7+-)*]
33...Bd8 3.05/24
[33...Rc8± 0.81/23 Sam Collins,MH]
34.Bd7 0.75/26 Sam Collins,MH: '?'
[34.Nxc5 1.77/21 Sam Collins,MH: '34.d4xc5 3.19' Bb6! White is one tempo short of a passive defence (Kg1 and Rf1). 35.Rb7 1.06/23 *(35.Ra6+-* 1.88/20 Sam Collins,MH *Bxc5 36.dxc5; 35.Ra4* Sam Collins,MH *Bxc5±)* 35...Bxc5 Sam Collins,MH: '±' 36.dxc5 Rc8 37.Bd5 0.20/26 *(37.Rb6±* 1.02/25 Sam Collins,MH*)* 37...Be6 1.20/24 38.c4 0.21/24 *(38.Bxe6±* 1.20/24 Sam Collins,MH *fxe6 39.Rb5)* 38...Rxc5]
[34.dxc5+- 3.05/24 (Sam Collins,MH) Threatens to win with Bc6-d7. h5 35.Bd5]
34...cxd4 35.exd4
[35.Bxg4 -0.01/24 Sam Collins,MH: '?!' '35.exd4 0.85' dxe3+ Sam Collins,MH: '!' 36.Kxe3 -3.69/23 Sam Collins,MH: '?' *(36.Ke2=* 0.01/22 Sam Collins,MH *f5* Sam Collins,MH: '=' *37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Nd6)* 36...Bb6+ Sam Collins,MH: '-+' 37.Kf4 Bxa7]
35...Bd1 1.61/21
[35...Bxd7± 0.68/23 Sam Collins,MH 36.Rxd7 f5]

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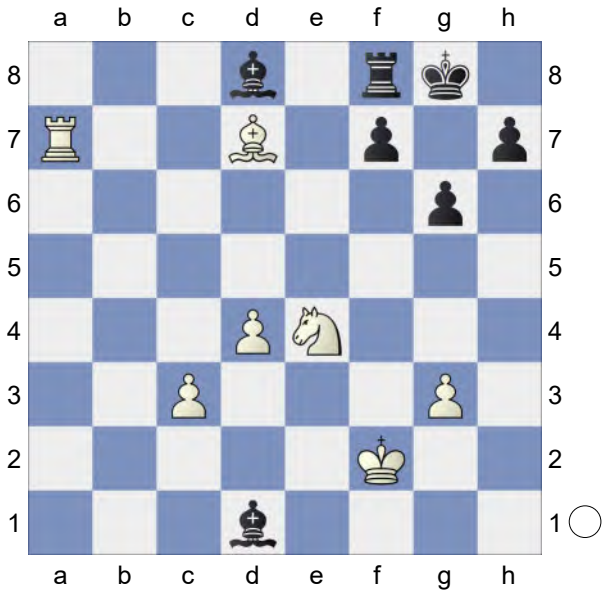

36.Ba4 0.57/25
[36.Rb7+- 1.61/21 Sam Collins,MH]
36...Bb6
[36...Bg4]
37.Ra6 Bxa4 38.Rxa4 Sam Collins,MH: '±' Sam Collins,MH: 'Endgame. Black must now prevent Ne4-f6+. KRB-KRN'
38...Rc8 1.41/22
[38...Rd8± 0.61/20 Sam Collins,MH]
39.Ra6 Sam Collins,MH: ' ±' **39...Bc7**
40.g4 0.52/20
[40.c4± 1.59/21 Sam Collins,MH]
40...Bf4 1.02/22
[40...f5± 0.52/20 Sam Collins,MH 41.Nf6+ Kf7]

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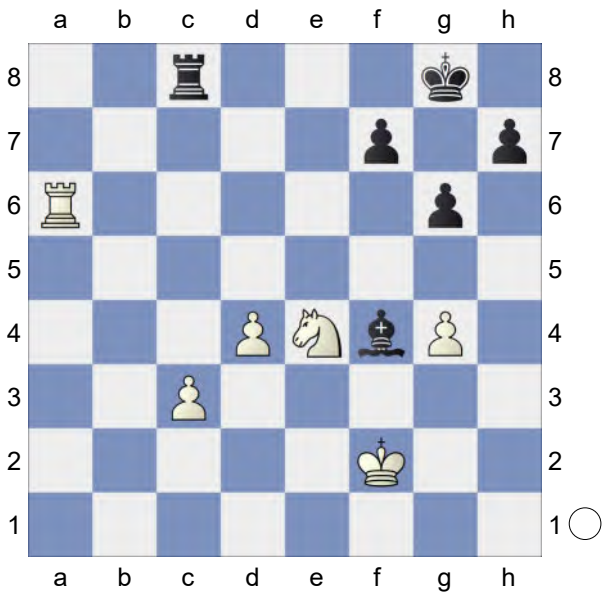
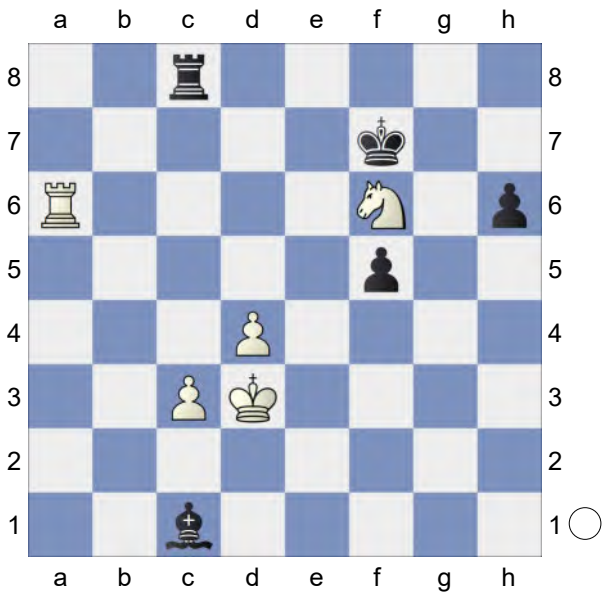


41.Kf3 Bc1 42.Ke2 f5 43.gxf5 gxf5 44.Nf6+ Kf7 45.Kd3 At modern time controls anything can happen of course, but it's pretty surprising that a GM lost this position with White.

[45.Nxh7 Sam Collins,MH Kg7 *(45...Rxc3 46.d5=)* 46.Nf6 Rxc3=]

45...h6 1.47/22

[Better is 45...Bg5± 0.65/23 Sam Collins,MH 46.Nd7 *(46.Nxh7 Bh4=)* 46...Re8]



46.Nd7 Bg5 1.96/23

[46...Kg7± 1.17/21 Sam Collins,MH]

47.Ne5+ 1.17/20

[47.c4+- 1.96/23 Sam Collins,MH]

47...Ke7 2.80/22 Sam Collins,MH: '?'

[47...Kg7± 1.17/20 (Sam Collins,MH) was called for.]

48.d5 The king could have been forced back with ... Ra4-a3 in any event, but then it would gain access to the g-file. Blomqvist frees the third rank for his rook, which is a decent idea, but he doesn't follow up consistently. **48...Kd8** 3.02/21

[48...Re8 1.92/22 Sam Collins,MH Sam Collins,MH: ' ⌓ ' 49.Kd4 Sam Collins,MH Kf8]

49.Nf7+ 1.43/21

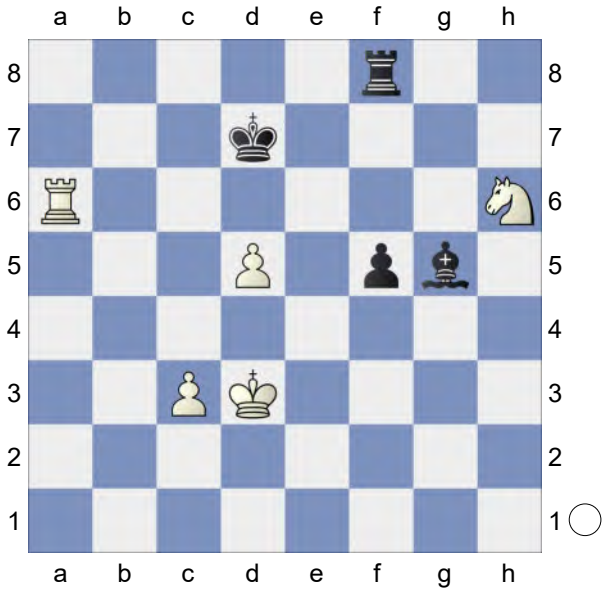
[49.c4+- 3.02/21 (Sam Collins,MH) and White stays clearly on top.]

49...Kd7 3.05/22 Sam Collins,MH: '?'

50.Nxh6 1.37/23

[50.c4+- 3.05/22 (Sam Collins,MH) is more deadly.]

50...Rf8 Sam Collins,MH: '

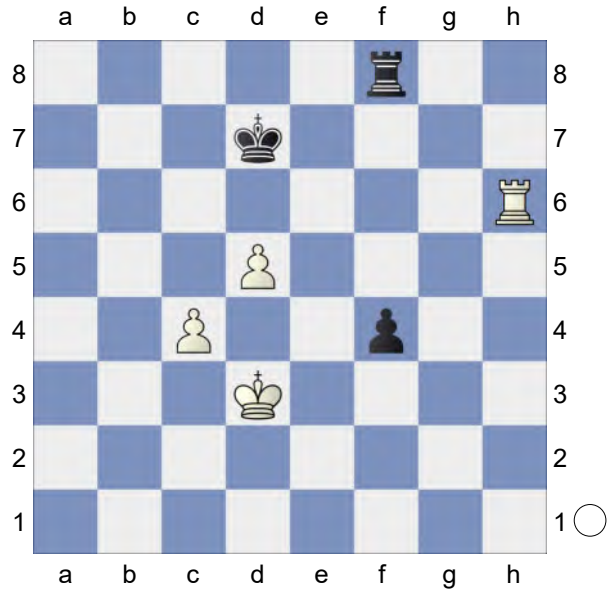


' **51.c4??** Sam Collins,MH: '!'

51...Bxh6!-+ 2.10/24 And White is lost! Svidler's technique from here is impeccable.

[51...Kc7± 1.30/23 (Sam Collins,MH) is a better defense.]

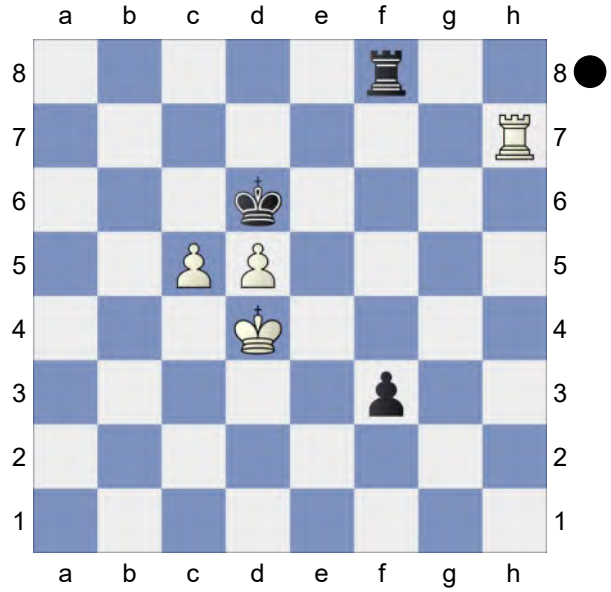
52.Rxh6 Sam Collins,MH: '+-' **52...f4** Sam Collins,MH: '



' **53.Rh7+** Sam Collins,MH: '!' **53...Kd6!** #13/23

[53...Kc8+- 3.69/27 Sam Collins,MH 54.Rh2 f3]

54.Kd4 f3! Sam Collins,MH: ' ...Rf8-f4+ is the strong threat.' **55.c5#**



Sam Collins,MH: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.71. Loss on time!?'
0-1

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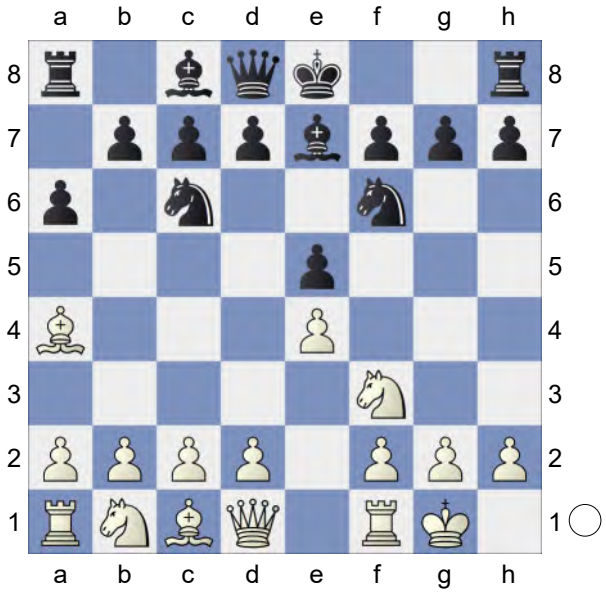
□ **Raja,Harshit** **2461**
■ **Burke,John M** **2580**
US Masters op (5) 25.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
Welcome to this special bonus chapter ! I'm not planning to do a new video every time a top player does something in the Marshall but the Tata Steel Masters 2020 featured a game I had to tell you about. It was the game between Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Anish Giri. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5

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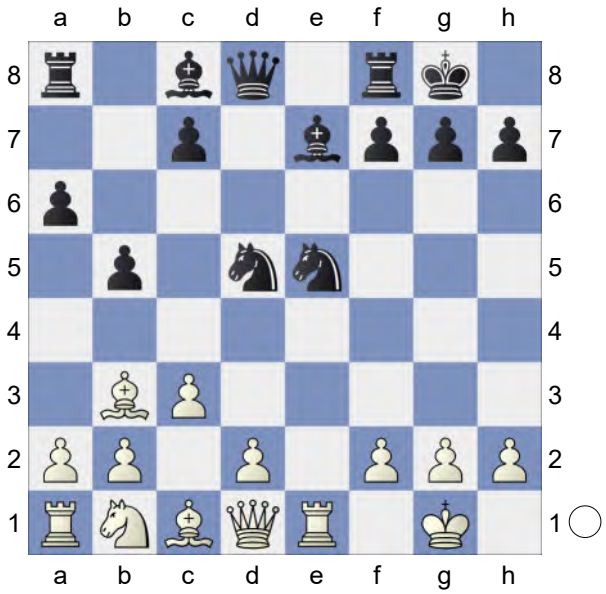
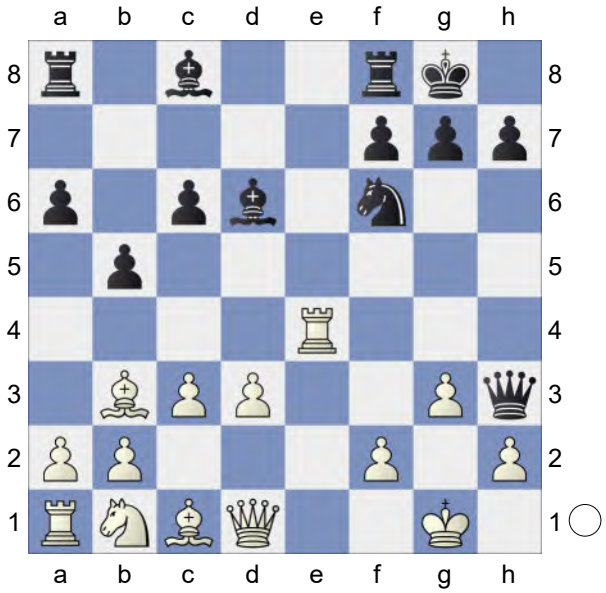


11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6



White must now prevent ...Nf6-g4! **16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Ng4!** is now more promising than 17...g5. im Vergleich zu 17...g5 vielversprechender.is now more promising than 17...g5.im Vergleich zu 17...g5 vielversprechender. **18.f3** 0.18/21
[18.Qe2± 0.57/20]
[18.Qf3 Be7 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Ne5 21.Rf4 Bxd3 22.Nf3 Ng6 23.Rd4 Bf5 24.g4 Be6 25.Bxe6 fxe6

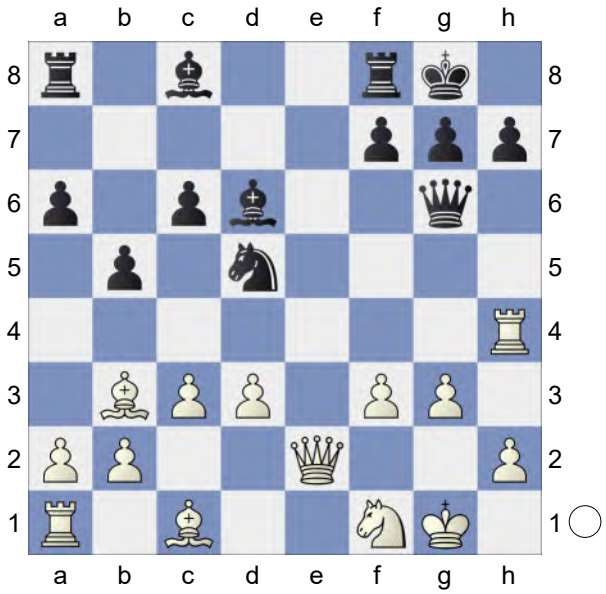
26.Kg2 Rf7 27.Ng5 e5 28.Rd3 Rf4 29.Ne6 Rf6 30.Ng5 Raf8 31.Ne4 Rf4 32.Re3 Nh4+ ½-½ Sapozhnikov,R (2433)-Sambuev,B (2718) Ottawa Spring Open 2011 (3)]

18...Ne3= 19.Qe2 Nd5! 20.Nf1N -0.01/21

[20.Qe4± 0.52/19]

[20.c4 Nc7 21.Ne4 Be7 22.g4 Qd7 23.Rh5 a5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Bxa4 Ne6 26.Qe3 g6 27.Rh3 f5 28.Qh6 Rf7 29.gxf5 Nd4 30.fxg6 Rg7 Bonus: Marshall 12.d3-16. Rh4,1]

20...Qg6



21.c4N -0.32/19

[Predecessor: 21.Qf2 Bf5 22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.Bxe3 Be7 24.Rd4 Rae8 25.Re1 Bc5 26.Rf4 Bd6 27.Re4 Bxe4 28.fxe4 -0.77/21 ½-½ (58) Santos Latasa,J (2600)-Krysa,L (2531) Barbera del Valles 2020 *(28.dxe4= -0.15/21 a5 29.Bc2)*]

[21.Bxd5!= 0.27/20 cxd5 22.a4]

21...Nb4 0.16/20

[21...Nc7∓ -0.32/19 deserves consideration.]

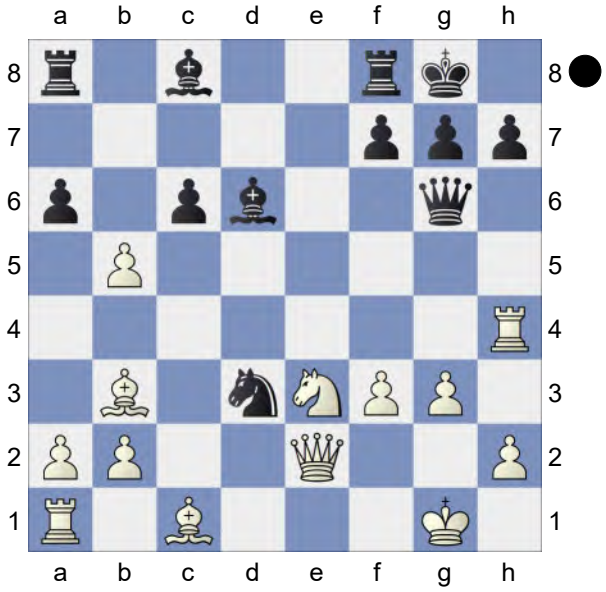
22.Ne3 -0.29/19

[⌓22.Be3! 0.16/20 bxc4 *(22...Qxd3 23.Qxd3 Nxd3 24.Rd4+-; 22...Nxd3 23.cxb5 Bf5 24.bxc6±)* 23.dxc4]

22...Nxd3 And now ...Rf8-e8 would win.

23.cxb5 -1.04/20

[23.Bc2= 0.01/21 remains equal. Nxc1 24.Rxc1]



23...axb5 0.22/20

[23...Re8!∓ -1.04/20 ...Bd6xg3! is the strong threat. 24.Bc2 *(24.bxc6 Nxc1 25.Rxc1 Bxg3=)* 24...Bf5]

24.Bd2? -1.33/20

[24.Bc2!= 0.22/20 Nxc1 25.Rxc1]

24...Re8∓ Black is more active.

[But not 24...Nxb2?! 25.Bc3 Na4 26.Bd4=]

25.Kh1? -3.39/21

[25.Bc2∓ -0.80/21 Bf5 26.Kf1]

25...Bc5-+

[Much less strong is 25...Nxb2 26.Rc1-+]

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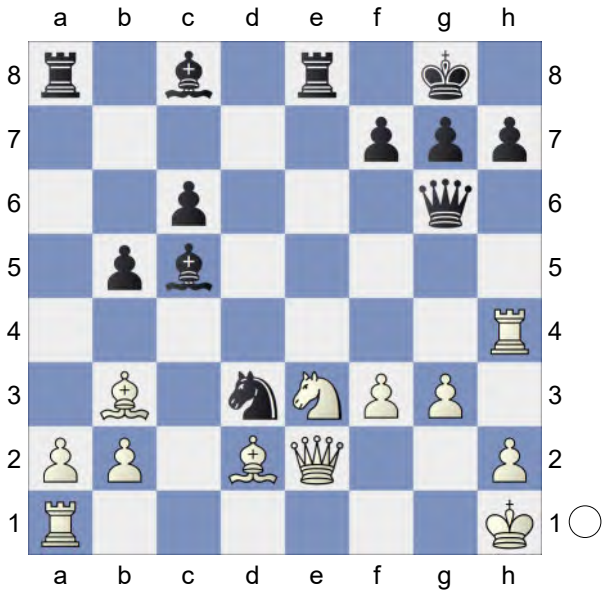
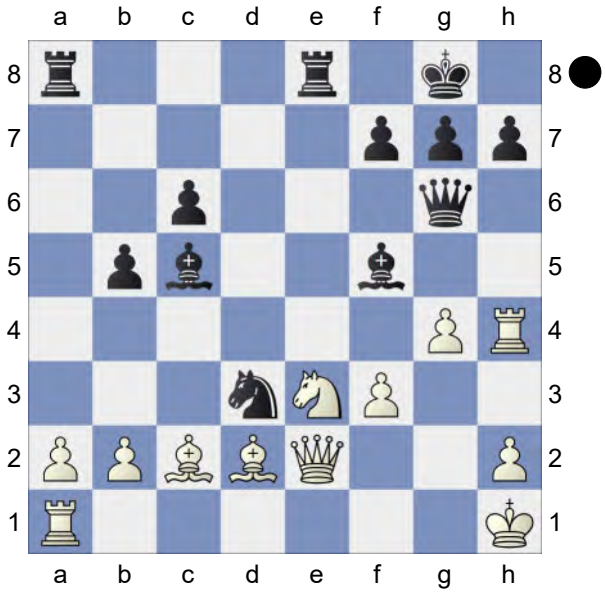


...Bc8-f5! would now be deadly. **26.Bc2 Bf5 27.g4**



Nf2+! Discovered Attack **28.Qxf2 Bxc2 29.Rh5 Bb6 30.Re1 f5**

[30...Rxa2? loses. 31.Nxc2 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1±]

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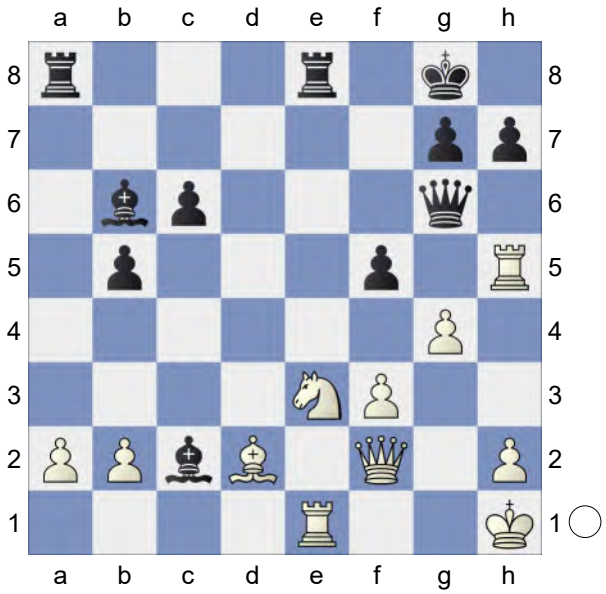
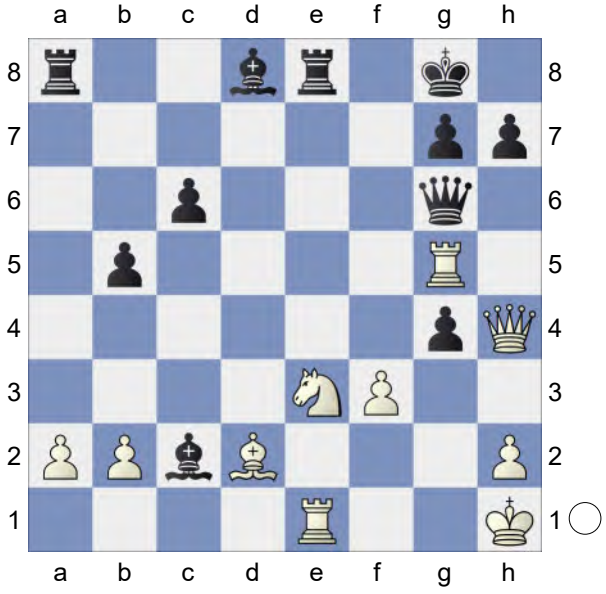


31.Qh4 fxg4 32.Rg5 Bd8



Skewer. Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.20 (precise)

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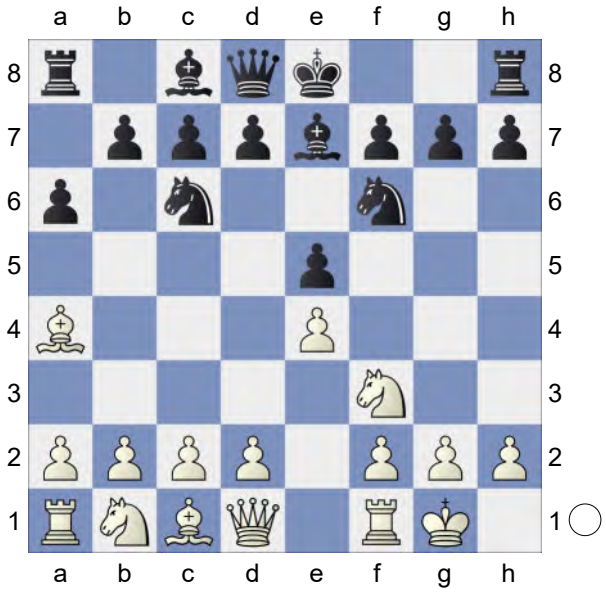
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2739**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2779**
Saint Louis Rapid (1) 11.08.2018
[Postny, Evgeny]

Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
' **1.e4** Postny, Evgeny, MH **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 I see no real problems for Black after the exchange of queens, but MVL prefers more dynamic positions. **9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5**

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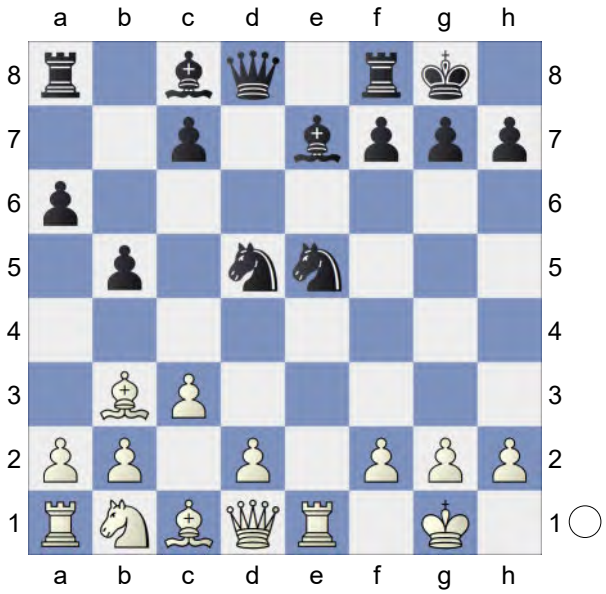
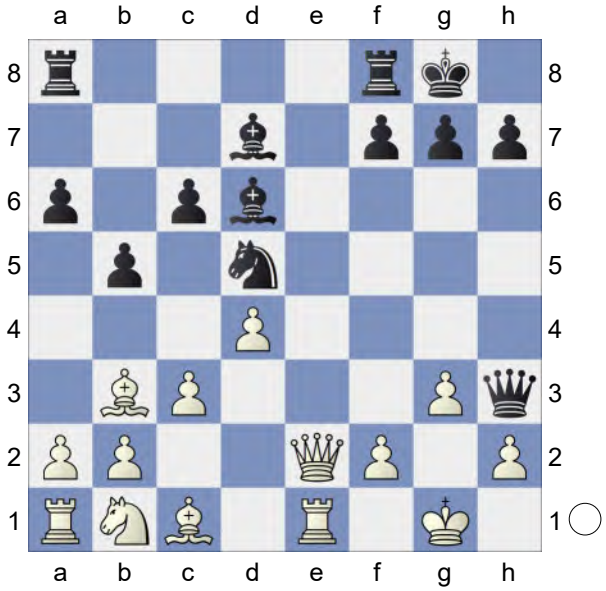


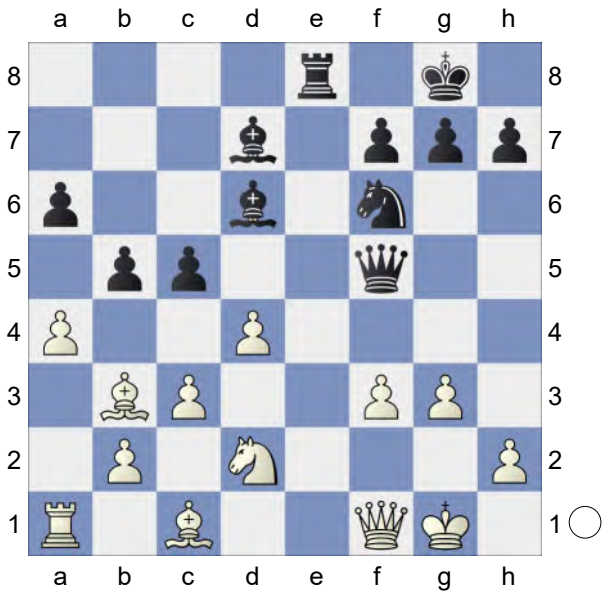
11.Rxe5 c6 MVL has already massive experience in handling this position as Black. **12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qe2 Bd7**



16.Qf1 Qf5 0.47/19
[16...Qh5= -0.01/22 (Postny, Evgeny, MH) was preferrable.]
17.Nd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '⩲ Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'White is slightly better.' **17...Rae8** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Inhibits Nd2-e4.' **18.f3 Nf6** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Wards off Nd2-e4' **19.a4** -0.01/22
[19.Rxe8⩲ 0.41/22 Postny, Evgeny,

MH Rxe8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Qxf1+ *(21...Rxe4? 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.Bc2+-* Skewer *)* 22.Kxf1]

19...c5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' **20.Rxe8 Rxe8** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '



' **21.Ne4** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' White is slightly better thanks to his superior structure. **21...Rxe4**

[21...Nxe4?! Postny, Evgeny, MH 22.fxe4 Qxf1+ *(22...Rxe4? 23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.axb5+-)* 23.Kxf1 Rxe4 24.axb5 Bxb5+ 25.c4±]

22.fxe4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'N'

[22.Bc2 cxd4 Postny, Evgeny, MH 23.fxe4 Qc5 24.Qf2 Ng4 25.cxd4 Qc7 26.Qe2 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qe1+ 29.Qf1 Qg3+ 30.Qg2 ½-½ Woerdemann,M (2754)-Hanke,L (2736) Corus B Wijk aan Zee 2008 (4)]

22...Qxe4 23.Bf4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '

[23.axb5]

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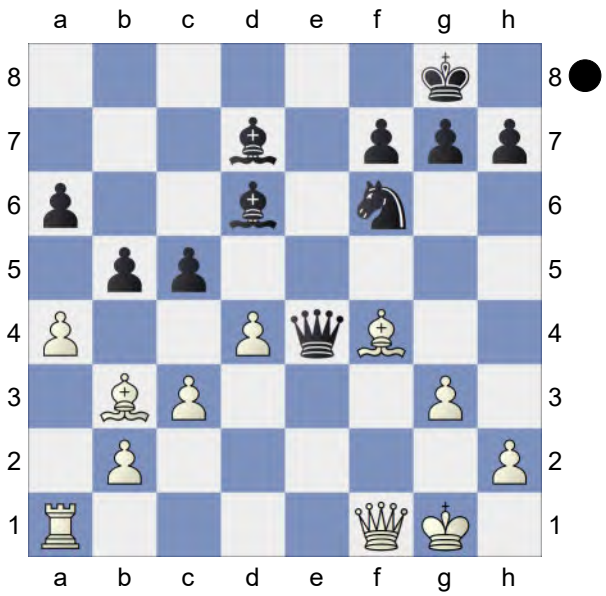

' **23...Bc6 24.d5**

[24.Bxd6 Postny, Evgeny, MH Qh1+ 25.Kf2 Qxh2+ 26.Ke1 Qxb2∓]

24...c4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **25.Bxd6 Qxd5**

[25...Bxd5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' (-> ...Nf6-g4)' 26.Bd1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Threatens to win with Kg1-f2.' Qh1+ 27.Kf2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Hoping for Qf1xh1.' Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Qxb2 29.Ra3 Ne4 30.Qe2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Inhibits Qb2-d2+.' Qc1 0.35/22 *(30...Qxe2+* -0.01/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' might be stronger.' *31.Bxe2 Nxd6 32.axb5 axb5=* ½-½ (21) Shephard,C-Danner, G corr 1985 *33.Ra6 Ne4)*]

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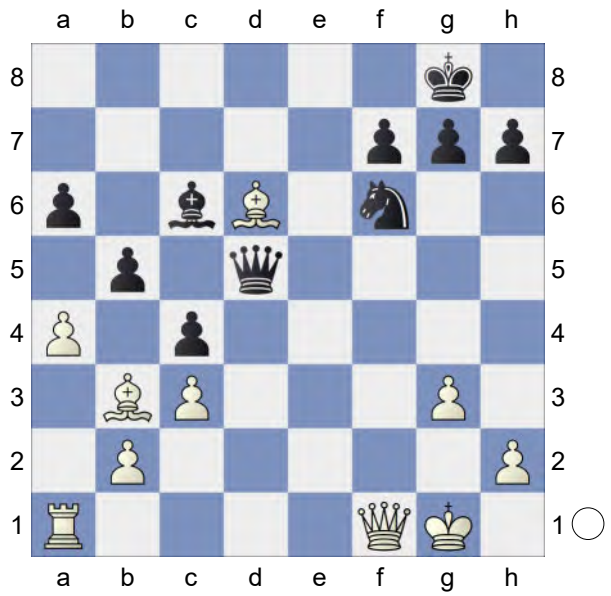

26.Bd1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Against Nf6-g4'
[26.Rd1 Qh1+ 27.Kf2 Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' cxb3]
26...Qh1+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!'
27.Kf2 Qxh2+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: 'The position is equal.' **28.Ke1** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **28...Qxb2 29.Ra3?! Ne4 30.Qf4** Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Prevents Qb2-d2+'
[30.Qe2= White can grab the pawn, but will lose a couple of important tempi: 30...Qxe2+ 31.Kxe2 Nxd6 32.axb5 with sufficient compensation for Black. Bxb5]
30...Qg2

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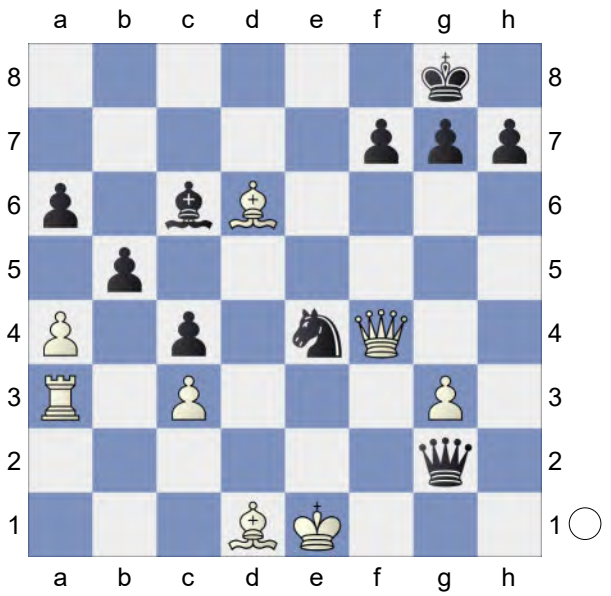

31.Be2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' And now a4xb5 would win.'
[31.Be7= -0.60/27 1-0 (68) Grischuk, A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '31.Bd6-c5 -0.01 1-0 (68) Grischuk,A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017'
A) 31...Qg1+ 32.Ke2 Nxg3+ 0.01/20 *(*Black should play *32...f6∓* -0.50/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH *33.Bxf6 Nxg3+ 34.Kd2 Ne4+ 35.Kc1 Nxf6)* 33.Kd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' White threatens Qf4-b8+ and mate.' Qh2+;
B) 31...Qh1+∓ -0.60/27 Postny, Evgeny, MH 32.Qf1 Qh2;
C) 31...h6 -0.01/26
C1) 32.axb5 -7.19/25 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '32.Qf4-b8+ -0.58' Qg1+ 33.Ke2 g5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 34.Qe3 Nxg3+ 35.Kd2 Nf1+;
C2) 32.Be2 Qg1+ Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 33.Bf1± ½-½ (40) Carlsen,M (2843)-

Vachier Lagrave,M (2789) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2018 g5! This was actually possible! 34.Qf3 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' aiming for a4xb5.' *(34.Qb8+* -6.60/21 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '34.Qf4-f3 -2.69' *Kh7=)* 34...Nc5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' 35.Bxc5 *(35.Qxc6* -8.15/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '35.Be7xc5 -1.74' *Nd3+ 36.Kd2* Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' White wants to mate with Qc6-e8+.' *Qxf1)* 35...Qxc5 36.Qf6 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Black must now prevent a4xb5!' Qxa3 37.Qxc6 Qxc3+;

C3) 32.Qb8+! Postny, Evgeny, MH: '=!' 32...Kh7 33.Qf4 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Repels Qg2-f2+' Qg1+ 34.Ke2 Nxg3+ *(34...Bd5!?* Postny, Evgeny, MH *35.Bc2□ Qh2+ 36.Ke1 Qxc2 37.Qf5+ g6 38.Qxd5 Qb1+ 39.Qd1 Qb2=)* 35.Kd2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Bd1-c2+ would now be deadly.' with a pleasant advantage in the endgame. Black's rooks are discoordinated. Qh2+

C3a) 36.Ke3 -1.83/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' Postny, Evgeny, MH: '36.Kd2-e1 0.01

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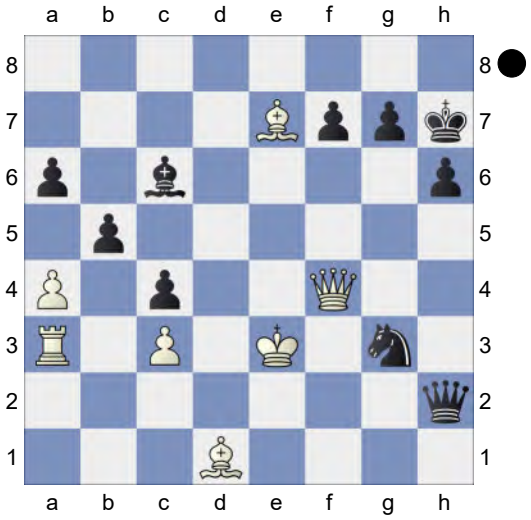
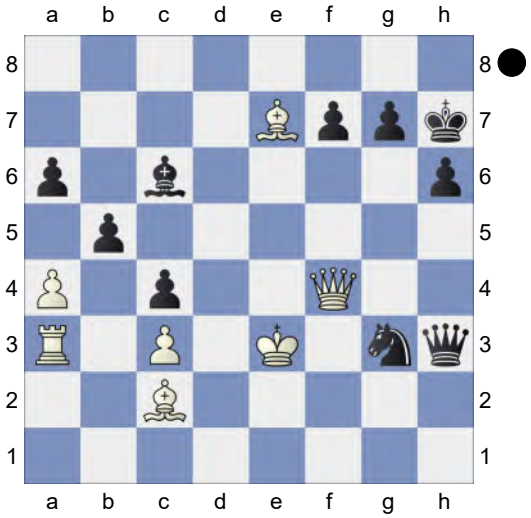


' Qh3 -0.01/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '?' *(36...Qg2!-+* -1.83/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH *37.Ra1 Qh3)* 37.Bc2+ -1.25/20 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' *(37.Kd4!=* -0.01/22 Postny, Evgeny, MH *Qh2 38.Ke5)*



' 37...f5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!';

C3b) 36.Ke1 Qg1+ *(36...f5)* 37.Kd2 Nf1+ *(37...Qh2+)* 38.Ke2 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!']

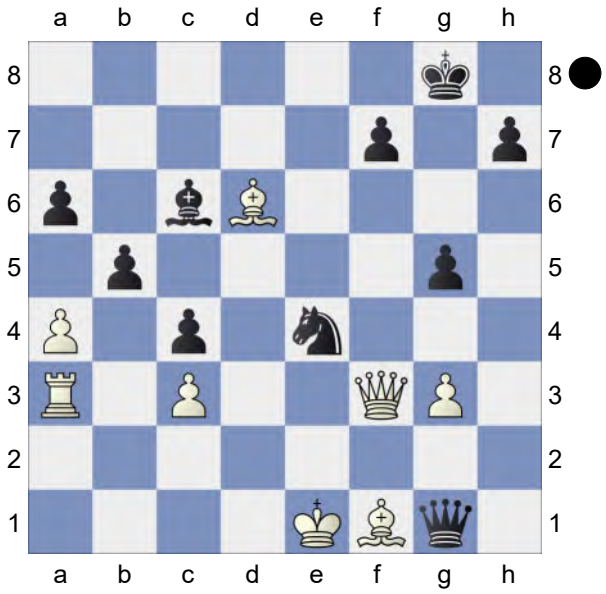
[31.axb5 Postny, Evgeny, MH g5 *(31...Qg1+ 32.Qf1=)* 32.Qe3

(32.Qf3? Qd2+ 33.Kf1 Qxd6-+)
32...Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Bd7-+]

31...Qg1+ 32.Bf1

[32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 33.Bxf1 Nxd6 34.axb5 Bxb5]

32...g5 Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' **33.Qf3** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '



' **33...Nd2** Postny, Evgeny, MH: '!' Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Discovered Attack'

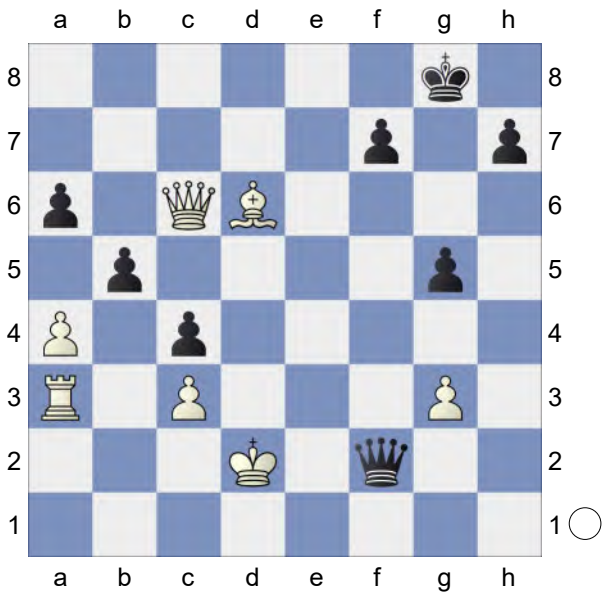
[33...Nxd6 34.Qxc6 is another option for White, but Black should hold this endgame fairly easily. Qxg3+ 35.Kd1 b4 36.Ra2± ½-½ (35) Grischuk,A (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) chess.com INT 2017 Qf4?! 37.Bg2 bxc3]

34.Qxc6 White is still slightly better, but Leinier decided to repeat moves.

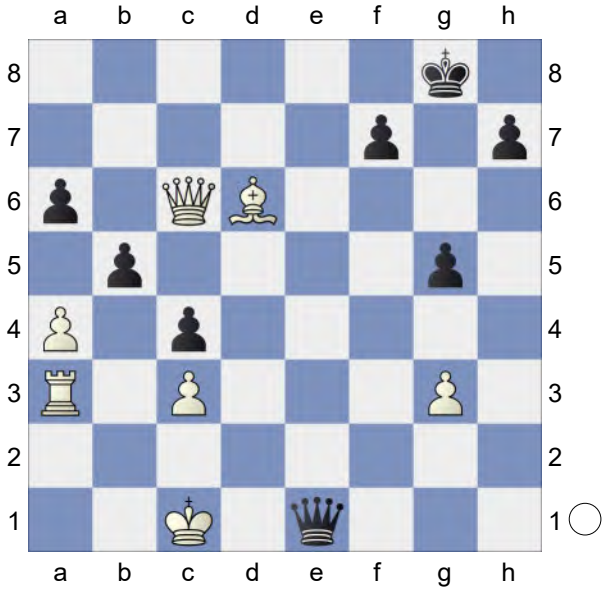
[34.Qf2 Qxf2+! This move will keep White's bishop safe on a3 against the black queen jumping to a5. 35.Kxf2 Ne4+ 36.Ke3 Nxd6 37.axb5 Bxb5±]

[34.Qe2? Nf3++- 35.Kd1!± Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' a4xb5 is the strong threat.'would be more precise. Nh2 36.Ke1 Postny, Evgeny, MH: ' Strongly threatening a4xb5.' Nf3+]

34...Qxf1+ 35.Kxd2 Qf2+



36.Kc1 The right plan for improving White's position would be as follows: **36...Qe1+!**



Postny, Evgeny, MH: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) ' transferring the bishop to a3 in order to target the c5 weakness.

½-½